

Personal Choices in Winston's World Answer Key

(Teacher Guide - Sample Insights)

1. The Diary

- Writing would be an act of rebellion but guarantees punishment if discovered. Choosing silence ensures survival but sacrifices truth.

2. Coworker's Hint

- Speaking up risks exposure to a Thought Police agent. Staying silent avoids danger but keeps you isolated and powerless.

3. Secret Relationship

- Pursuing intimacy brings personal happiness and resistance to Party control, but also increases the risk of capture. Avoiding it means safety but emotional emptiness.

4. O'Brien's Book

- Accepting the book symbolizes hope for rebellion but plays into the Party's trap. Rejecting it protects you but closes off knowledge and resistance.

5. Room 101

- Betraying a loved one may preserve your life but destroys loyalty and humanity. Resisting maintains integrity but leads to certain death.

Note for Teachers: Student answers will vary. The goal is not correctness but thoughtful reasoning about fear, control, and morality under totalitarian rule.