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Dystopia Duel Answer Key

Reflection Question Guidance

1. Orwell = control through **pain, fear, repression**. Huxley = control through **pleasure, distraction, conditioning**.
2. Answers vary. Some may argue *1984* is scarier because of constant surveillance and brutality; others may argue *Brave New World* is scarier because people accept oppression without realizing it.
3. "Big Brother is Watching You" = fear, surveillance, obedience. "Community, Identity, Stability" = sacrifice individuality for social order.
4. Both warn against extremes: Orwell cautions against **authoritarian control and surveillance**; Huxley warns of **a culture numbed by pleasure, consumption, and technology**.

Teacher Notes:

- Stress the **contrast**: Orwell's dystopia relies on pain and repression, while Huxley's relies on pleasure and conditioning.
- Encourage students to consider which dystopian features are most visible in today's world.
- Accept varied answers for reflections as long as they're supported with reasoning and evidence.