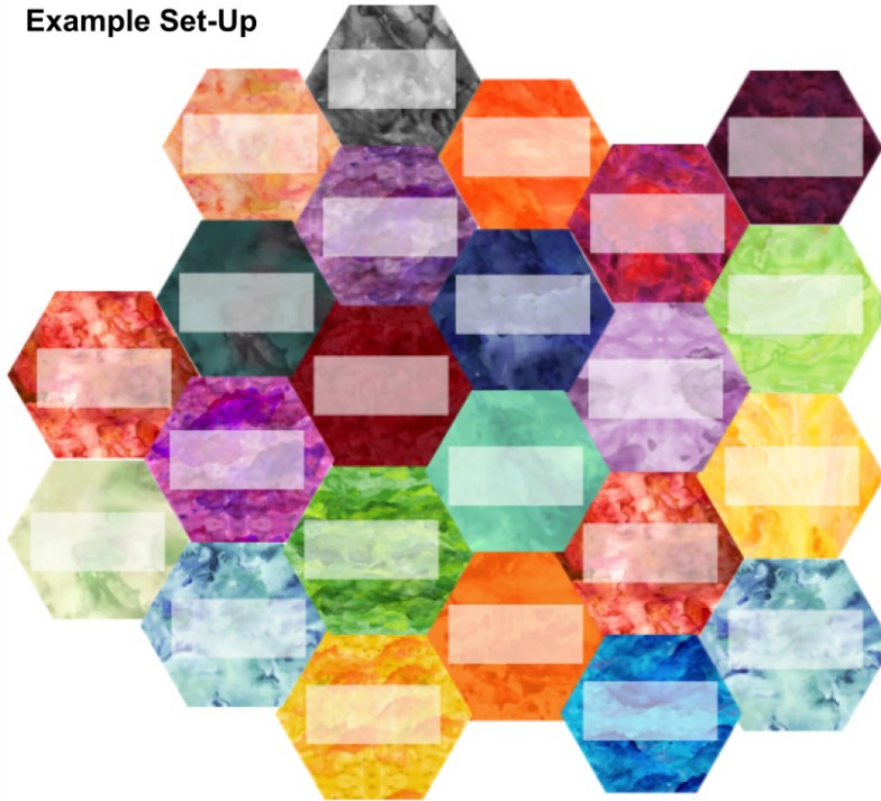


George Orwell – 1984

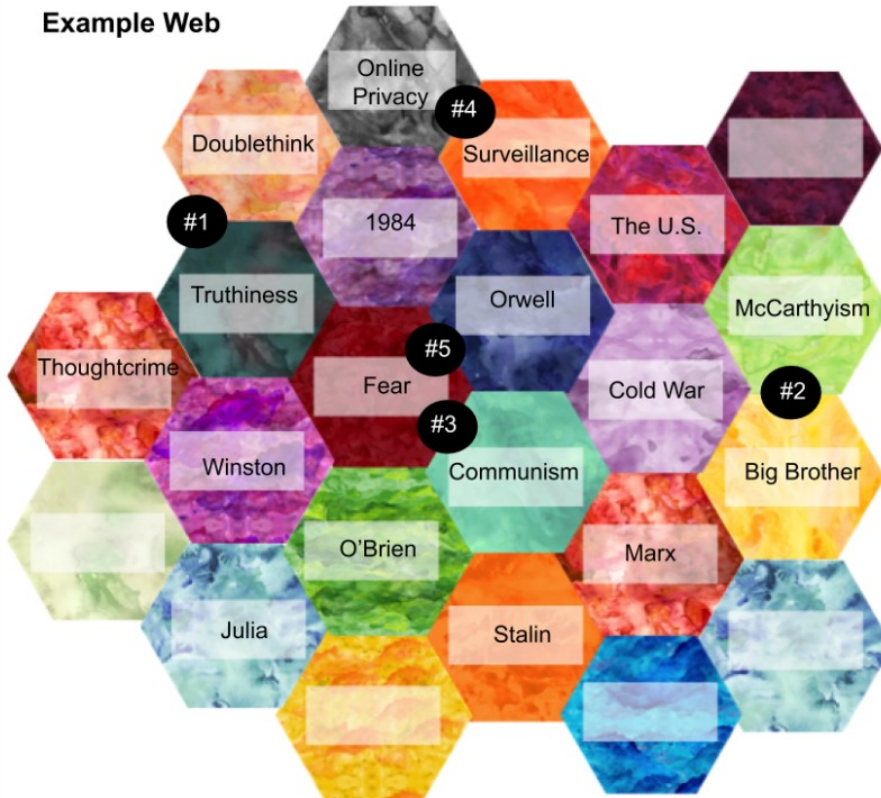
Example Set-Up



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1984
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**Example
Explanations**

Explain your Thinking Here

Connection #1 (Truthiness + Doublethink): Colbert's concept of "Truthiness", which later evolved into "post-truth," connects well to the idea of Doublethink from 1984. In Doublethink, someone has to push their real knowledge and beliefs to the side so they can believe what the party says they should. With "truthiness," people believe whatever they want to be true, without any evidence to support their opinion. With both concepts, reality is divorced from real truth.

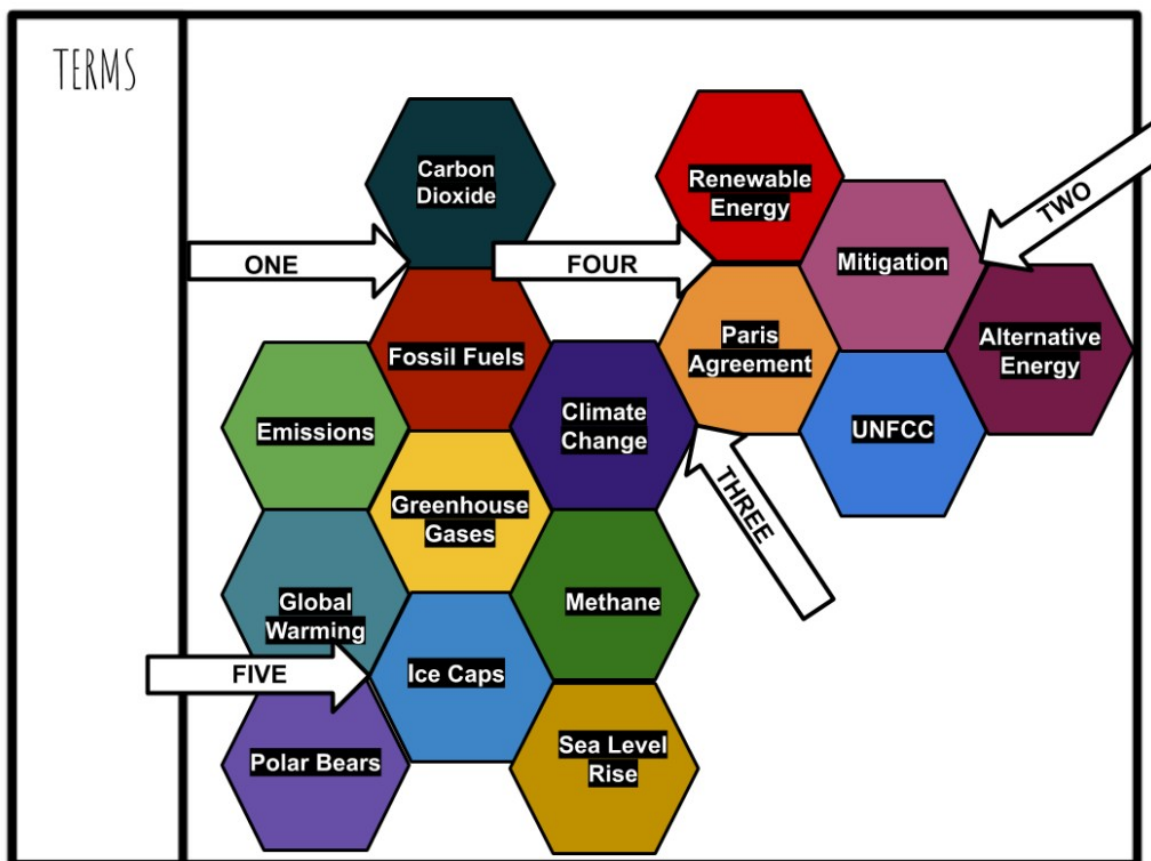
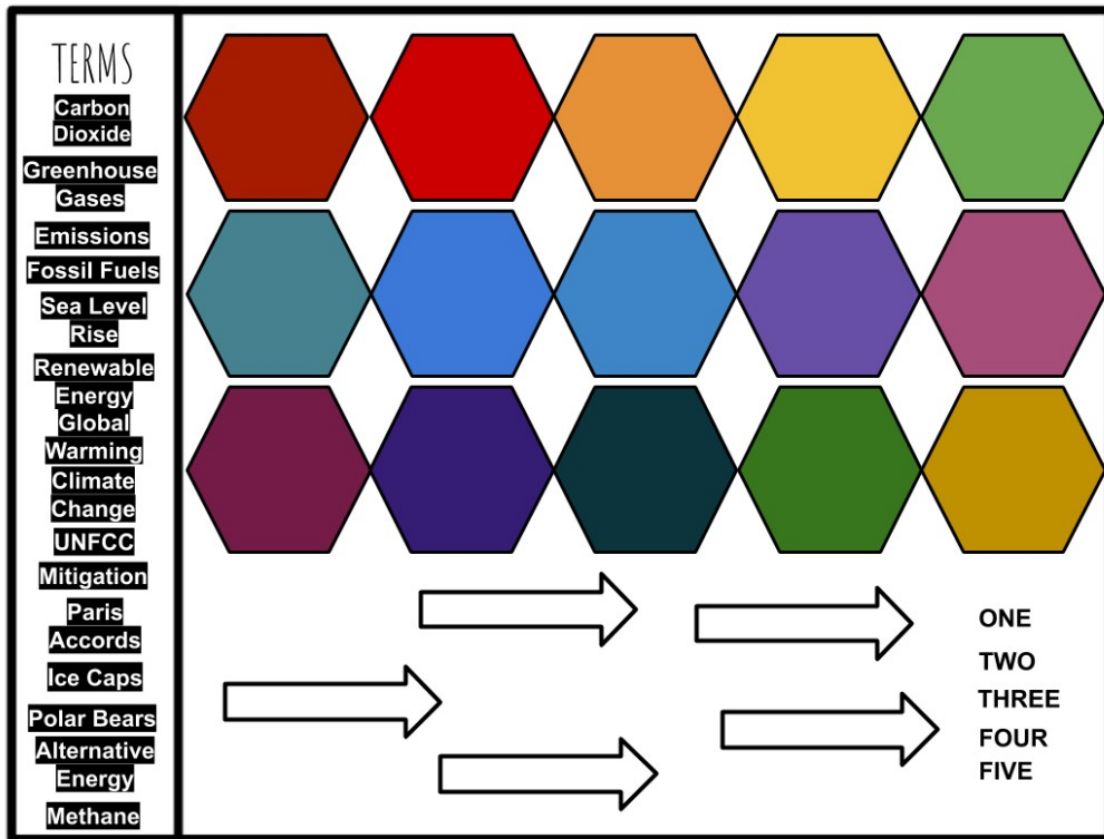
Connection #2 (McCarthyism + Big Brother): In Orwell's fictional world, everyone knows they're being watched. Big Brother (a.k.a. the spies and secret police of the party) is everywhere, and the citizens of the sad dystopia have little chance of hope to overthrow him. During the era of McCarthyism, communism was so feared in the United States that the opposite of Orwell's dystopia took place. Instead of everyone being watched for betrayal of communism, everyone was watched for evidence of communism. Either way, it's an attack on personal freedom.

Connection #3 (Fear + Communism): While it seems like most countries turn to communism in hopes of equality for all, the picture Orwell paints (and which seems to bear out in reality) is a world in which a few wield power and everyone else lives in fear of seeming not to tow the line. Secret police, secret ministries, and secret wealth seem to cling to communism, no matter how many countries (fictional or real) try to put their own spin on it.

Connection #4 (Surveillance + Online Privacy): While Orwell paints a horrific picture of how everyone in Winston's world is watched by O'Brien and his team, surveillance of people's personal choices and data is still very much in play in the United States today. Government agencies and companies have the ability to mine the internet for so much information about us, and few people really know how to keep their online actions private.

Connection #5 (Orwell + Fear): Orwell's book, *1984*, reflects an extreme fear of communism and a dreadful warning to the citizens of the world of what he thinks will happen if communism ever reaches their borders. The argument is so compelling, and some of the ideas he weaves into it mirror things that have really happened so closely, that it's easy to see this book almost as nonfiction. But it's not. It's a fictional story that creates a deep fear of communism, a fear that Orwell undoubtedly felt as he wrote it.

Încălzirea globală



Explain your Thinking Here

Connection #1: When you burn fossil fuels, carbon dioxide is released into the air. While the existence of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere is natural, and our forests can help mitigate its negative effects, the combination of burning through our fossil fuels so quickly at the same time that we are clearcutting huge amounts of forests on the earth has led us to global warming.

Connection #2: There are many strategies we could be taking to help mitigate the effects of global warming and climate change. Alternative energies provide one option, which is being explored by many companies but not on the level we need to stop climate change. To truly mitigate the effects of our fossil fuels, we need to pour more money into the possibility of alternative energy and prioritize it as a concept in a way that most countries just aren't doing yet.

Connection #3: The Paris Agreement seemed, for a while, to be a highly important step on the path towards stopping climate change. Many nations came together to set out goals for mitigation, and the international collaboration gave many people hope that something would change. However, the U.S. withdrew from its agreement soon after, lessening hopes that the U.S. would prioritize alternative energy and mitigation.

Connection #4: Large scale initiatives worldwide like the Paris Agreement have the potential to lead to prioritizing renewable energy sources and amped up funding for alternative energy companies. However, with the U.S. leaving the Paris Agreement, this new frontier in energy still isn't a high priority in this country.

Connection #5: The melting ice caps and stranded polar bears are one of the most easily photographable, definable outcomes of rising temperatures and overall climate change in recent years. While there are many other pieces of evidence of the way our earth is being affected, polar bears are the fuzzy mascots helping children, and others who might not otherwise dive into the science otherwise, sit up and take notice. If unchecked, global warming will affect far more species than polar bears, and it already is.