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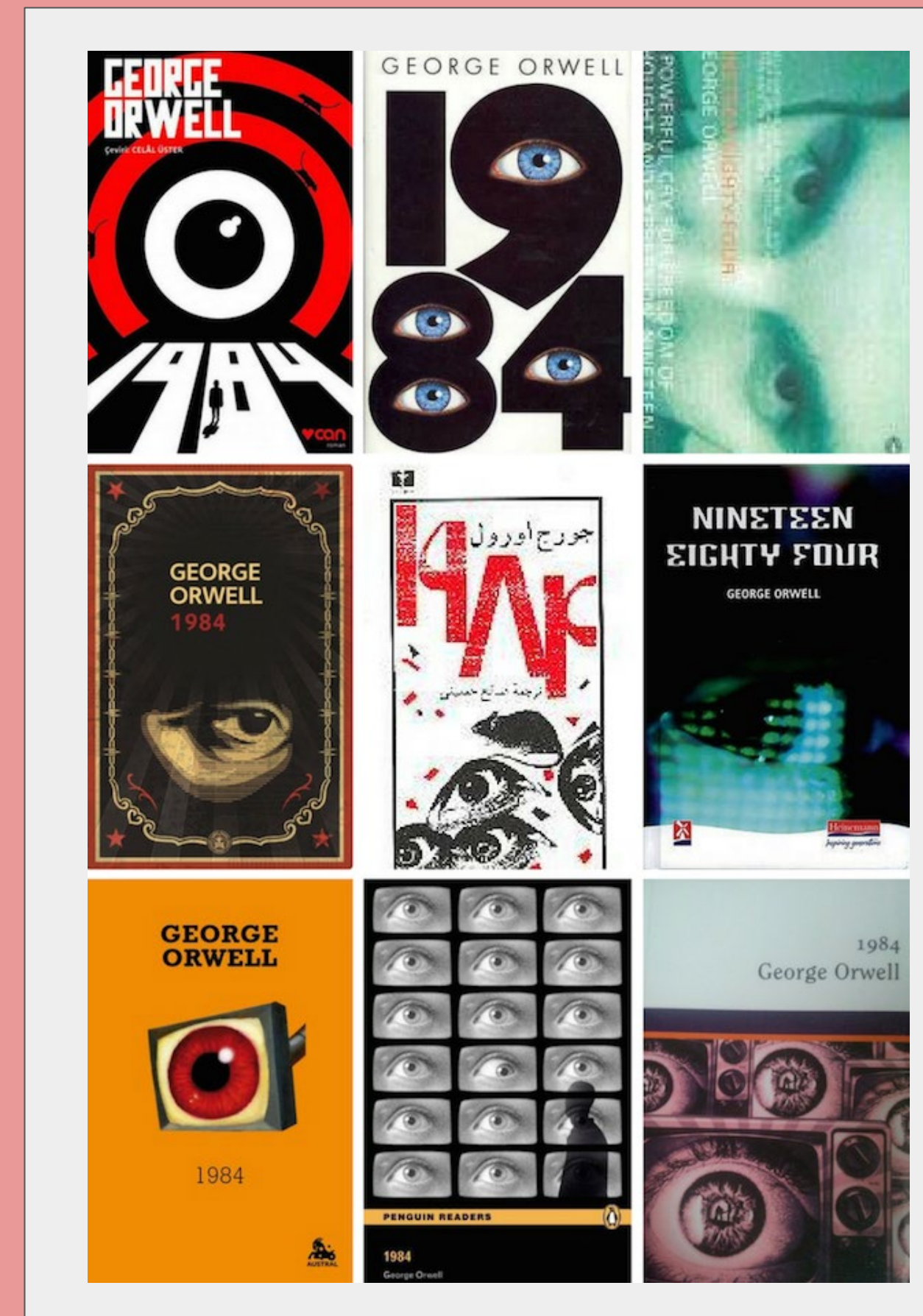
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Abstract

Many countries have fallen victim to tyrannical leaders in the past. For example, Joseph Stalin had the Soviet Union under his grip for the longest time. His rule did not end until his death. In George Orwell's novel, *1984*, the country of Oceania was being controlled by Big Brother with the help of the Party. While being somewhat different, both the Soviet Union under Stalin and Oceania share incredible similarities.

Key Points

- Each used its own version of control agencies to monitor its citizens.
- The people of both the Soviet Union and Oceania had to deal with being outed by other fellow citizens
- Both of these also had their own censorship offices that were in charge of making sure there was no threat to each government's reign.
- These truths expose the problem that authoritarian regimes pose to humanity.



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Conclusion

Lives that were fictionalized in *1984* were realities for many in the Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin. There was an immense amount of centralized power in both of these instances. No one was safe in either of these regimes as neighbors would be outing neighbors left and right. People were being brainwashed to believe that their leaders were telling the truth all of the time. Orwell meant to warn of these authoritarian regimes through his novel. He knew that they posed a grave threat to society, and if nothing was done to combat them, humanity would be doomed.

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