

1984: Chapter 4 Guide

palimpsest: a type of paper from which writing has been partially or completely erased to make room for another text.

Origin:

1655–65; < L palimpsēstus < Gk palímpsēstos rubbed again (pálin again + psēstós scraped, rubbed, verbid of psân to rub smooth)

gesticulate: _____

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garble: _____

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1. Explain the function of the memory holes?
2. The official word is *rectify*, but what word would Winston Smith use?
3. Why was it necessary to rewrite a paragraph of the speech of BB (Big Brother)?
4. What is Ampleforth's job in the Ministry of Truth?
5. List at least three different jobs that the Records Department did.
6. What kind of information did the Ministry of Truth provide the proletariat?
7. Why does Winston have to change BB's speech about the FFCC and Withers?
8. Explain Comrade Ogilvy.