

Re-creating Comrade Ogilvy

Your task is to imitate Winston's portrait of the fictional Comrade Ogilvy by creating a portrait of the "perfect" High School student—a portrait that might appear in our school's newspaper.

- Create a name for this fictional and perfect student
- Trace the history of his/her accomplishments chronologically as Orwell does
- Include a testimonial, as Orwell does, that consists of a direct or indirect quotation by an important Randolph dignitary (like, Big Mama Laba, for example)
- For your "perfect" student's activities, look at the last 2 sentences and devise a list of personal habits and beliefs that such a nonexistent but perfect student might possess
- Imitate Orwell's style as closely as possible

Orwell's text

At the age of three Comrade Ogilvy had refused all toys except a drum, a sub-machine gun, and a model helicopter. At six -- a year early, by a special relaxation of the rules -- he had joined the Spies, at nine he had been a troop leader. At eleven he had denounced his uncle to the Thought Police after overhearing a conversation which appeared to him to have criminal tendencies. At seventeen he had been a district organizer of the Junior Anti-Sex League. At nineteen he had designed a hand-grenade which had been adopted by the Ministry of Peace and which, at its first trial, had killed thirty-one Eurasian prisoners in one burst. At twenty-three he had perished in action. Pursued by enemy jet planes while flying over the Indian Ocean with important despatches, he had weighted his body with his machine gun and leapt out of the helicopter into deep water, despatches and all -- an end, said Big Brother, which it was impossible to contemplate without feelings of envy. Big Brother added a few remarks on the purity and single-mindedness of Comrade Ogilvy's life. He was a total abstainer and a non-smoker, had no recreations except a daily hour in the gymnasium, and had taken a vow of celibacy, believing marriage and the care of a family to be incompatible with a twenty-four-hour-a-day devotion to duty. He had no subjects of conversation except the principles of Ingsoc, and no aim in life except the defeat of the Eurasian enemy and the hunting-down of spies, saboteurs, thought-criminals, and traitors generally.