

illusion though because this escape is too good to be true and is eventually their worst nightmare when the Thought Police break in. Although they knew the reality of what would happen if they were caught they made the decision to stay in their utopia to create an illusion for themselves of an escape from the outside world.

The theme of illusion versus reality can be found through many different symbols. As you have read, most of the illusions in *1984* are created by the government to hide reality from the citizens. The paperweight holds the key to the past that the government attempted to hide. Winston's ulcer is a representation of the citizens believing that they have everything they need because they believe everything the government says but in reality they do not. The room above Mr. Charrington's shop is the illusion of everything being okay but once the Thought Police find Winston and Julia, their reality is much more worse than it previously was. Illusions can be used for many different reasons but the novel *1984* proves that reality will always prevail because secrets cannot be kept secret forever.