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George Orwell

a The author George Orwell (1903–1950: real name Eric Blair) was b _____ English novelist, critic and political and cultural commentator. He is best known for c _____ novels *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, d _____ both of which were written and published toward e _____ end of his life. He chose f _____ name George Orwell in g _____ early 1930s when his first book, *Down and Out in Paris and London*, was published. This book describes what it was like to be h _____ poor and i _____ homeless in j _____ Britain, and also described k _____ time he spent in Paris working in l _____ kitchen of m _____ high-class hotel. n _____ Orwell's father was o _____ civil servant in India, and Orwell grew up in p _____ middle-class family. He was q _____ pupil at Eton, r _____ well-known English school, and as his family could not afford to send him to university, he joined s _____ Indian Imperial Police. He learnt t _____ lot about u _____ British Empire, but came to hate v _____ job, and in 1927 he resigned and decided to become w _____ writer. He worked as x _____ schoolteacher, and in y _____ bookshop, wrote z _____ book about 1 _____ poverty in 2 _____ northern England (*The Road to Wigan Pier*) and also fought for 3 _____ Republican side in 4 _____ Spanish civil war. He developed 5 _____ career as 6 _____ journalist and reviewer, and during 7 _____ Second World War he made 8 _____ regular broadcasts on 9 _____ BBC. He died of 10 _____ tuberculosis in 1950 at 11 _____ age of 46.



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