## Answer the questions as thoroughly as possible. 1. What is replacing individually chosen words as the basic unit of modern English according to Orwell? 2. Give two reasons why people use large words and foreign phrases in their writing and daily speech. 3. Why would many politicians resist an effort to clearly define what is meant by the word "democracy?" 4. What can "ready-made phrases" do for/to the person who habitually uses them, according to Orwell? 5. To what does Orwell compare the tired political hacks who continually repeat the acceptable phrases? 6. What is the purpose of euphemisms such as "pacification" according to Orwell? Give at least two examples current euphemistic language. ORWELL'S SIX RULES FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)

## On the Back

Rewrite the Calvin address using Orwell's rules for recovery.

"Politics and the English Language"

- 1) The opening paragraph of President Coolidge's address contains 197 words. How long is your version?
- 2) How can you account for this gap? Were there large areas of fact missing from your version? Why do you think Coolidge would use so many words to say essentially simple things? What about politicians and public figures in general? (Use the space below to record ideas with your partner(s), then write your individual answer as a short essay on a separate sheet of paper)

## President Calvin Coolidge's Introduction to His Inaugural Address

My Countrymen. No one can contemplate current conditions without finding much that is satisfying and still more that is encouraging. Our own country is leading the world in the general readjustment to the results of the great conflict. Many of its burdens will bear heavily upon us for years, and the secondary and indirect effects we must expect to experience for some time. But we are beginning to comprehend more definitely what course should be pursued, what remedies ought to be applied, what actions should be taken for our deliverance, and are clearly manifesting a determined will faithfully and conscientiously to adopt these methods of relief. Already we have sufficiently rearranged our domestic affairs so that confidence has returned, business has revived, and we appear to be entering an era of prosperity which is gradually reaching into every part of the Nation. Realizing that we can not live unto ourselves alone, we have contributed of our resources and our counsel to the relief of the suffering and the settlement of the disputes among the European nations. Because of what America is and what America has done, a firmer courage, a higher hope, inspires the heart of all humanity.

Ising the rules stipulated by Orwell in his essay, rewrite this paragraph to simplify and modernize it.				