INTERPRETING THE ENDING

"He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother" (pg. 298)

Winston actually believes in Big Brother and is still waiting for the bullet

- Straight forward ending, no mention of him getting shot
- Saw the Party win again, lost hope that Oceania will be free
 - Finally surrendering his thoughts to the Party

Winston believes in Big Brother and got shot

- "We make him one of ourselves before we kill him" (pg. 255)
- his mind was clean, and didn't want it to become filthy again (die while pure, similar to those three men)