

Week 1

Animal Farm is an **allegorical** novella which means it teaches the reader a moral lesson. It is the story of a **revolution** on a farm and imagines what would happen if animals were in charge, rather than humans. George Orwell, published Animal Farm in 1945. He was inspired by the 1917 Russian Revolution. Animal Farm explores themes like power, hope and lies, and shows how greed can destroy society.

Week 2

The animals get fed up of the **tyrant**

Mr Jones and overthrow him. Life on the farm is good for a while and there is hope for a happier future of less work, better education and more food. However, trouble brews as the pigs, Napoleon and Snowball, fight for the hearts and minds of the other animals on the farm. Napoleon seizes power by force and ends up exploiting the animals just as Farmer Jones had done.

Week 3

Mr Jones is a cruel and neglectful farmer. He owns Manor Farm, which the animals overthrow and rename as Animal Farm. Mr Jones could be likened to Tsar Nicholas II. Jones is the reason for the Rebellion in the same way Tsar Nicholas II was, in simple terms, the cause of the **Russian Revolution**.

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Week 4

Old Major is a wise pig who shares his dream of a better future with the farm animals. His **ideology** is called **animalism**. He dies peacefully of old age before he can see his ideas work. Old Major is partly based on Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin. Karl Marx was a German philosopher who lived during the 19th-century. His ideas formed the basis of **communism** which Lenin was inspired by.

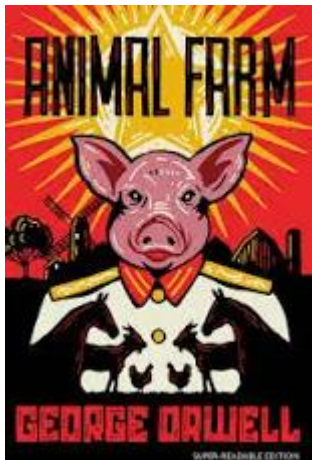
Week 5

The Seven Commandments

1. "Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy"
2. "Whatever goes upon four legs, or has wings, is a friend"
3. "No animal shall wear clothes"
4. "No animal shall sleep in a bed"
5. "No animal shall drink alcohol"
6. "No animal shall kill any other animal"
7. "All animals are equal"

Key words:

Allegorical- a story which has a moral or hidden meaning.
Tyrant- a ruler who exercises absolute power oppressively or brutally
Revolution- the usually violent attempt by many people to end the rule of one government and start a new one
Ideology- a set of beliefs
Animalism- a belief that animals should be free and equal
Communism- a type of government as well as an economic system (a way of creating and sharing wealth)



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Questions	Answers
What type of novella is Animal Farm?	Allegorical
What is it about?	An imagining of what might happen if animals took over a farm.
Who wrote Animal Farm?	George Orwell
What inspired Orwell to write it?	The 1917 Russian Revolution
What are the themes?	Power, hope and lies, and shows how greed can destroy society

Week 2

Questions	Answers
Who is the tyrant?	Mr Jones
What do the animals hope for?	Happier future of less work, better education and more food
Which pigs fall out?	Napoleon and Snowball
Who seizes power by force?	Napoleon
Who is Napoleon compared to?	Mr Jones

Week 3

Questions	Answers
What type of farmer is Mr Jones?	A cruel and neglectful one
What is the name of his farm?	Manor Farm
Who is Mr Jones compared to?	Tsar Nicolas II
Why are Mr Jones and Tsar Nicolas compared?	The are both held responsible for rebellions
What is a revolution?	When people rebel against the government to start a new one

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Week 4

Questions	Answers
Who is Old Major?	A wise old boar
What is Old Major's ideology?	Animalism
Does Old Major see the revolution?	He dies before the animals rebel
Who is Old Major compared to?	Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin
What was Karl Marx's ideology?	Karl Marx's ideas formed the basis of communism

Week 5

Questions	Answers
What are the Seven Commandments?	The Seven Commandments were created to keep the animals humble and equal,
Do the seven commandments stay the same?	No, the pigs change them to suit themselves, eventually going against every single one.
Which animals can't learn the commandments?	The stupider animals, like the sheep, ducks, and hens, are unable to learn the commandments by heart.
What is the final commandment at the end of the novella?	The final commandment is "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others".
Who changes the commandments?	Napoleon changes them to give the pigs more privileges.

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