

Year 10 'Animal Farm' Knowledge Organiser



Important information

Plot: Animal Farm depicts a group of animals who rebel against humans and become their own masters. Things work smoothly at first, and the animals revel in their freedom and have equality. However, the pigs become power-hungry and become the new oppressors of the animals and become indistinguishable from humans.

Themes: Leadership, corruption, control over the intellectually inferior, lies and deceit, foolishness. Violence. Pride. Future dreams and hopes.

Setting: Animal Farm, takes place on a farm in England during an undisclosed time. However, the time, location, and events of the novel are satirical of Russia during a major period of Russian political upheaval (1917 - 1945).

Key Characters

Mr Jones	Drunken owner of Animal Farm. Embodies the tyranny of man.
Old Major	Wise, old pig. Inspires the rebellion with his rhetoric.
Boxer	Devoted citizen and immensely strong. Innocent and naïve.
Napoleon	Executes animals. Established himself as a dictator. Controls with fear.
Snowball	Devoted to animalism and the education of lesser animals.
Squealer	Mouthpiece of Napoleon. Uses propaganda to control the animals.
Clover	Maternal, caring and loyal.
Dogs and sheep	Instruments of fear and control, educated by Napoleon.

Key vocabulary

Stout	Tremendous	Rebellion
Prosperity	Vivacious	Comrade
Elementary	Tyranny	Communist
Consume	Cynical	Benevolent
Majestic	Capable	Control
Victorious	Slaughter	Seize
Resolution	Unity	Succession

Key quotations

"Four legs good, two legs bad."

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others"

"If you have your lower animals to contend with," he said, "we have our lower classes!"

"The pigs did not actually work, but directed and supervised the others. With their superior knowledge it was natural that they should assume the leadership."

"At this there was a terrible baying sound outside, and nine enormous dogs wearing brass-studded collars came bounding into the barn. They dashed straight for Snowball, who

Context

An allegorical tale with direct links to the history of the Soviet Union in the early 20th Century. The book charts the corruption of communist ideals of equality, where workers are promised equality.

Key terminology

Propaganda	information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
Allegory	a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.



Zoom in -
single word



Zoom out - whole
phrase analysis