



ADVANCED ENGLISH LITERATURE STUDENTS
BOOK 1 “Animal Farm”
by George Orwell

What is an “allegory?” An allegory is a story in which the events and characters stand for something besides themselves. The characters and events of *Animal Farm* represent the real people and events of the Russian Revolution and its aftermath. Orwell wrote *Animal Farm* because he wanted to tell the true story of the Russian Revolution in a way anyone could understand, even if they didn’t know all the historical details. However, *Animal Farm* is not only an allegory of Russian history. The novella also makes a broader argument about political power and oppression in general.

First and before starting to answer the questions below do a one hour review of chapter one. Whilst reviewing take note and make notes of the characters introduced in the chapter and any advanced grammar concepts used. The characters introduced have very distinct personalities and physical attributes which are important to the story as it develops and these attributes both physical and personality wise develop into human-like behaviours. After the review answer the following five simple questions and discuss in detail your thoughts on the questions with the teacher.

Chapter 1 Questions

1). Who gives a speech to the animals in chapter one?

2). What is Old Major's message to the animals in chapter one?

3). In chapter one what is the dream Old Major shares with the other animals about?

4). Who is good and who is bad, according to Old Major in chapter one?

5). What's the name of the song about an animal utopia that Old Major teaches the animals?

Writing Exercise Questions in class.

Question 1

In what way does Orwell powerfully depict the relationship between the pigs and the other animals in this extract?

Instructions for writing text one.

You should write 150 words for this exercise and you will have 30 minutes to complete the work in-class. Within the writing I want you to use at least one example of the following grammar concepts below. This exercise is designed to make you write using the correct grammar tenses and spellings without using any computer generated spell-checks or searches. Writing emails, memos and other work and social related texts without the help of a computer is a giant step forward in your journey to become a truly independent and advanced English speaker. (All writing text should be done by hand using paper and pen and then scanned or simply take a clear cell-phone photo of the text and send to the teacher.) “Please write clearly using your best hand-writing and using double spaced text so that I can follow and understand your writing.”

USE AT LEAST 7 WORDS OF THE NEW VOCABULARY YOU HAVE LISTED DURING OUR READING TOGETHER.

One further request.

During the writing of your text I have set you the further challenge of discussing the concept of “Sugar Candy Mountain” Explain what this means to you and why and why this concept has been introduced in the text of chapter one.

Use these tenses within the text.

- Simple past
- Simple present
- Simple future (will and going to).

Text two. Question 2

How does Orwell vividly portray the importance of the sheep and dogs in *Animal Farm*? Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel.

Instructions for writing text two.

You should write 150 words for this exercise and you will have 30 minutes to complete the work. Within the writing I want you to use at least one example of each of the following grammar concepts. (All writing text should be done by hand using paper and pen and then scanned or simply take a clear cell-phone photo of the text and send to the teacher.) “Please write clearly using your best hand-writing and using double spaced text so that I can follow and understand your writing.”

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Use these tenses within the text.

- Present perfect
- Future perfect
- Past perfect

Link to “ANIMAL FARM” movie (Animated)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXkicQRl6vg>

Link to “ANIMAL FARM” movie (Real Life)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGzRf0Ow1qU>

Audio Book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gwJCJ1TD50>

Further notes:

About George Orwell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvXU3vzHq8E>

About George Orwell by Noam Chomsky

The Suppression of Ideas and the Myth of American Exceptionalism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Qe4uL8pJuE>

Animalism?

Napoleon, Snowball and Squealer develop Old Major’s idea that animals have a right to freedom and equality into “a complete system of thought” which they call Animalism. The central beliefs of Animalism are expressed in the Seven Commandments, painted on the wall of the big barn. However, as the pigs seize more and more power, they change the Commandments painted on the barn, until Animalism is reduced to a single principle which is virtually the opposite of Old Major’s original idea: **“All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others”**