

Animal Farm
Argument Essay Outline Packet

Step One: Pick and circle **one** of the following writing prompts for your essay.

- 1) What corrupts people the most – money, material items or power?
- 2) Is it morally wrong to be someone like Benjamin who recognizes what is happening, but does not care enough to speak up, even if others will be hurt?
- 3) The novel can be viewed as a warning. About what specific types of dangers might Orwell be warning his readers? What specific events in the book prove your points?
- 4) Is man really the root of the animal's problems? If so, why? If not, who/what is?
- 5) Using Boxer and the sheep, explain why intelligent and educated citizens are necessary for fair and honest government to work. How can uneducated citizens allow corrupt government to succeed?

Notes

POSITION/OPINION (Pick a stance on one side or the other for the prompt you chose):

CONTEXT (Author/Title, briefly tell me what's going on):

INTRODUCE TOPIC (What is the issue that you are writing about?):

CLAIM (Thesis-This is going to be your stance on the issue):

TIP: DO NOT use phrases like- I believe, I feel, I think, In my opinion

Requirements

- MLA Format
- 3rd Person point of view
- 3 *Animal Farm* quotes
- Transitions

Due Dates:

____ Essay Outline
____ Typed Rough Draft
____ Final draft submitted to **Turnitin.com**
by midnight!

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TOPIC SENTENCE (what is the first reason why your side of the argument is right):

EVIDENCE/SUPPORT (This will be a quote that is imbedded in a sentence):

ANALYSIS (Explain HOW/WHY this quote supports what you said in your topic sentence. This is NOT a retelling/summary of the quotation). **TIP: DO NOT use phrases like: This quote shows, This quote proves, This shows, This proves**

CONCLUSION (restate the point you made in the topic sentence IN NEW WORDS and why it is right):

III. SECOND BODY PARAGRAPH

TOPIC SENTENCE (what is the second reason why your side of the argument is right?):

CONTEXT (Briefly explain what is happening in the book when your supporting quote appears in the book): **TIP: Find a quote that supports your argument. THEN, go back and fill in the context.**

EVIDENCE/SUPPORT (This will be a quote that is imbedded in a sentence)-cite your source!

ANALYSIS (Explain HOW/WHY this quote supports what you said in your topic sentence- this is NOT a retelling/summary of the quote):

CONCLUSION (restate the point you made in the topic sentence IN NEW WORDS and why it is right):

IV. THIRD BODY PARAGRAPH

COUNTER ARGUMENT (what would someone say if they disagreed with your argument?)

TIP: Some transition words/phrases you should use here are: On the other hand, However, On the contrary

EXAMPLES: On the contrary, one could argue...

However, the opposing side might argue...

On the other hand, some might say...

REBUTTAL (In 1-3 sentences, prove why the opposing argument is wrong):

CONTEXT (Briefly explain what is happening in the book when your supporting quote appears in the book) :

EVIDENCE/SUPPORT (Use a quote that supports your rebuttal) Cite your source!

ANALYSIS (Explain HOW/WHY this quote supports your rebuttal):

CONCLUSION (restate the point you made in the topic sentence IN NEW WORDS and why it is right):

V. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

RESTATE CLAIM (Tell us your position again, but in NEW WORDS):

SUMMARY (Summarize the two main reasons why your argument is right- DO NOT mention the counter argument here):

CLINCHER (End on a strong note- leave your reader feeling that they MUST agree with you):