

Literary Analysis Assignment

George Orwell's *Animal Farm*

AA Freshmen

Directions: Essay

1. Choose one of the essay topics to write about for Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Your paper should be 2 pages in length or 500 words (although if it must be longer to cover the topic thoroughly, then by all means you may exceed the paper length).
2. It is required that you have a thesis statement. Your paper must be written in MLA format and must contain a Works Cited page. You may use additional sources other than the text to support your claims stated in your essay.
3. It is very important that you have well-developed paragraphs with **topic sentences** that relate back and prove some aspect of your thesis. Remember to back up your ideas with research and quotations from the text. Come up with original ideas and do not plagiarize.
4. As this is an analytical paper, you need to analyze the meaning of the novel by utilizing quotations or evidentiary facts from the text to back up your ideas. It is imperative that you **use at least one citation in each paragraph to support your opinions and ideas**. You may use additional quotations as needed.
5. Remember that you are writing a literary essay, therefore utilizing literary terms that you have learned in English class may help the content of your paper (but don't just throw in literary terms to put them in, they must work with your ideas).
6. Consult the attached 6-trait rubric ALWAYS. This will be how I determine your grade.

Choose ONE of the following essay topics:

- 1. Lord Acton's famous quote, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." How and why is this statement applicable to the course of events in the novel?**
- 2. From the numerous characters in the novel, whom do you feel is the noblest or most worthy to lead? Compare this character with a historical leader (president, prime minister, human rights advocate). Explain your answer by citing passages from the novel. In addition, do research on your historical leader. You may want to look at the list of good leadership qualities made at the beginning of the novel.**
- 3. Compare and contrast *Animal Farm* with another novel that you have read (please see me with your novel choice). Consider the characters, situations, governments that evolve, and the endings of both novels.**
- 4. Write an essay analyzing Orwell's commentary of the Russian Revolution. What is Orwell's overall message of the novel as related to the Russian Revolution and the rise of Stalin.**
- 5. Discuss the importance of education as it evolves during the course of the novel. At the same time, address the distinctions that may be made between education and indoctrination.**