# Animal Farm

Unit Essay

100 Points

Prompt: George Orwell’s Animal Farm is an allegory exploring the dangers of humanity and the specifics of the Russian Revolution and Josef Stalin’s rise to power. The book illustrates the characters’ good intentions and how they are warped over time. In ten brief chapters, the story moves from Old Major’s dream of equality to the tyranny of the pigs.

Craft a four-paragraph essay arguing whether or not a society of true equality – a UTOPIA – is possible. Essays must include two specific reasons to support your claim and evidence from Orwell’s novel. Each body paragraph must contain two citable facts/evidence and personal analysis/commentary. Your goal is to thoroughly prove whether or not a utopian society is possible.

Important Dates:

TYPED Rough Draft Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (15 points)

TYPED, REVISED, and EDITED Final Draft Submitted to turnitin.com: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (100 points)

Rephrase Writing Prompt into a Question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Answer the Question = Thesis Statement (Your argument about whether or not a utopian society is possible + two reasons)

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Let’s write our introduction:

**Attention Grabber:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Background info. about novel (include title and author if you did not in attention grabber): Setting? Main characters? Maybe mention allegory/Russian Revolution/writer’s purpose!**

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**Controlling Idea: What is the paper about? You should mention something about whether or not a truly equal society or a utopian society is possible.**

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**Two-Part Thesis Statement: Claim whether or not a utopian society like the one Old Major envisioned is possible. You also need to state the two reasons why you believe it is or is not possible. (Sample: A utopian society like Old Major envisioned for the animals is/is not possible because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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Topic for Body Paragraph #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Conclusion Ideas: What can we learn from reading this book?**

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