

# Animal Farm

By George Orwell

## Study Sheet

### ➤ Animal Farm as a Fable, Allegory, and Satire

George Orwell wrote Animal Farm on various levels. He wrote it as a...

- Fable
- Political Satire
- Allegory

### Fable

A short tale that is passed on by word of mouth that has animal characters with human qualities that teaches readers a moral and/or lesson

### Animal Farm as a Fable...

- Characters are animals each with his/her own personality and human characteristics.
- The animals think, meet, talk, act, fight, disobey, and obey...

### Allegory

The representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form.

### An Allegory is..

- A form of **extended metaphor**
- A story with **two meanings**
  1. Literal meaning
  2. Symbolic meaning
- The underlying meaning of an allegory has moral, social, religious, or political significance
- In an allegory, characters are often personifications of abstract ideas as charity, greed, or envy.
- An allegory continues throughout the entire text

### Animal Farm as an Allegory...

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| Animal Farm | =History of Russia<br><i>From 1917-1943</i> |
| Animalism   | = Communism                                 |
| Characters  | =Russian Historical Figures                 |

## **Satire**

- A manner of writing that mixed a critical attitude with wit and humor in an effort to improve mankind and human institutions
- The writer tries to make the reader have a negative opinion about someone by laughing at them or making them seem ridiculous or foolish

### **Techniques of Satire used in Animal Farm**

#### **1. Exaggeration**

To enlarge, increase, or represent something beyond normal bounds so that it becomes ridiculous and its faults can be seen.

#### **2. Parody**

To imitate the techniques and/or style of some person, place, or thing.

#### **3. Ridicule**

Language or behavior intended to mock and humiliate

#### **4. Reversal**

To present the opposite of the normal order (e.g., the order of events, hierarchical order).

### **Animal Farm as a Political Satire**

- It is inspired by a personal grievance or passion for reform
- It is an attack on a group of people and social evil
- Exposes and ridicules Russian communism
- Arouses hatred for Russian leaders