

Partial SAMPLE & PRACTICE ACTIVITY to PREPARE for the ENG10 THEME PAPER

Underline AND label the various aspects of the introduction. Identify the:

- catch attention
- brief summary of the story itself
- Brief PREVIEW of the paper (three themes listed – number them 1, 2, 3,)

SAMPLE INTRO FOR A THEME PAPER FOR ANIMAL FARM:

Shattered promises, corruption, and deceit captivate readers of *Animal Farm*. Author George Orwell demonstrates in this political allegory that people can not blindly follow their leaders or accept what they are told. Clearly, the animals suffered while under the farmer Jone's rule because sometimes he whipped them or even forgot to feed them. However, life got even harder when the pigs took over. Sadly, Napoleon was cruel and unjust. Through this disturbing tale, we learn that absolute power corrupts absolutely and things are not always how they appear. Finally, we learn that there is no such thing as a perfect society.

Sample Body Paragraph #1:

Although Boxer, the loyal hard working horse, claims over and over that "Comrade Napoleon is always right" (Orwell 126), readers soon discover that **things are not always as they appear**. For example, Squealer explains that Snowball is responsible for countless misdeeds including conspiring with Mr. Jones. However, Snowball actually fought valiantly to defeat Mr. Jones. In fact, "The animals decided unanimously to create a military decoration of, 'Animal First Class' which was conferred there and then on Snowball and Boxer" (Orwell 59-60). Similarly, the animals were told that working Sundays was voluntary. However, "any animal who absented himself from it would have his rations reduced by half" (Orwell 73). Therefore, it is clear that animals were punished for not working all seven days. As a result, it was not truly voluntary. Finally, the animals were told that Boxer was being brought to a vet for medical care. However, "some of the animals noticed that the van which took Boxer away was marked 'Horse Slaughter'" (Orwell 125). In addition, shortly after Boxer was taken away, the pigs had extra money to buy a case of whiskey further indicating that Boxer was sold to the knackers and not treated at the animal hospital. Clearly, time and time again, readers discover to look beyond the surface of what they are being told to discover the truth because in life things are not always as they appear.

Body #2 & another theme & textual support

Body #3 & another them & textual support OPTIONAL for extra credit

Conclusion WOULD FOLLOW

