

Satire

Definition

- 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

Examples of

Satire

in Popular Culture – videos on website and
shown in class

**Pay attention to: Subject of
Satire AND Comment or
criticism being made**

