

Modern World History Summer Reading

Animal Farm

Note: You will be asked to mark a lot of quotes down. It is suggested that you use sticky tabs labeled with the number from below so you know what the quote corresponds to. I will be checking your tabs/sticky notes the first day of class. Come prepared!

1. One of the main themes of this year's studies will be various types of political and economic systems. George Orwell intends this book to be a criticism of Totalitarianism and Socialism. We are using this book as an introduction to these themes.

- You should be able to define these terms and be ready to discuss during class: Totalitarianism and Socialism.
- While reading, mark quotes on examples of totalitarian and socialist concepts as you find them throughout the book. These are tricky concepts, don't worry if you're not 100% sure, just try your best!

2. Find quotes/ideas from the book on how this story demonstrates the deprivation of rights of the people (animals) being used to achieve cooperation from the masses. Find AT LEAST 5 quotes and mark them in your book.

3. Power corrupts, but absolute power corrupts absolutely. A leaders' ability to make decisions and wield authority is a central theme in Animal Farm. Be ready to discuss how power corrupts (hint: trace the corruption of the pigs and their lure of power over the others). Label AT LEAST three moments in the book that showcase the steady corruption of the pigs (Hint: these should be moments that make you think "whoa! They are getting a bit too powerful/are more powerful than at any other time in the book")

4. Reflection: be ready to discuss your overall thoughts of the book, including likes, dislikes, what ideas you found relevant to the world today, and what parts of the book really resonated with you. Feel free to jot notes below!