

Summer Reading Activities

Directions: After reading the mandatory novel, please complete the activity assigned to your grade level. If you are not sure which English class you are taking, please contact the guidance office. Dual Enrollment juniors should complete the assignment for ENG 111 College Composition. Regardless of which semester your English class is scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year, turn the assignment in to your English teacher by the first Friday of the first semester's classes. Your English teacher will use this as a grade. Unless otherwise noted in the directions, please do not consult Internet sources to complete the activity. All work should be your own.

English 10

Read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and respond to **two (2)** of the essay prompts below. Both of your responses should be 1+ pages long. Responses must be typed in MLA format and should include specific examples from the novel.

1. In *Animal Farm*, there is pressure to conform to the group's rules even when the pigs begin changing the rules. Why do the animals prefer to stick together even when they are breaking their own rules? Is it better to follow the crowd and conform to the group, or to speak out against the majority and be different? Defend your position with evidence from the text.
2. In *Animal Farm*, Squealer spreads false information and manipulates the facts to convince the animals that the pigs are right. Consider his rhetorical strategies in altering everyone's perception of reality. Is it right to deceive others to control them, or is propaganda wrong? Defend your position with evidence from the text.
3. In *Animal Farm*, the animals run off the humans and then the pigs assume leadership of the farm with Napoleon ultimately in control. Was man really the root of all the animals' problems, or does having absolute power always breed corruption. Defend your position with evidence from the text.
4. In *Animal Farm*, the masses are easily swayed. Consider how intelligence and education make a difference in how the animals think and act. Do citizens have a duty to become educated in order to build a fair and honest government? Is being uneducated harmful to one's country? Defend your position with evidence from text.