



# *Animal Farm*

by George Orwell

This novel is meant to pair with the Russian Revolution. Characters in the book are farm animals who represent leaders and groups who were involved in the revolution. While you read, you will be responsible for keeping a reading journal with **summaries** of what each chapter contains. There are also a few journal entries in **response** to what you read. Everything you write should be kept in one journal- a composition book or single subject spiral notebook would be appropriate.

For each chapter, fill in the chart with the necessary information. Directions are in the boxes below.

**Summaries:** (one per page in notebook)

Setting	<i>(Write a description of where the action occurs, including approximate time period.)</i>
Summary of the Chapter	<i>(Write a 3-5 sentence summary of the chapter.)</i>
Prediction of the Coming Events	<i>(Make a prediction of what you think will occur in the next chapter.)</i>
Russian Revolution Connections	<i>(Write connections that you can make between characters and events from your seventh grade curriculum which discussed the Russian Revolution.)</i>

**Responses:** (after summaries for chapters listed below)

After completing chapter 3:

Do you think Animal Farm will be a Utopia? Why or why not? If not, how would you modify the new government?

After completing chapter 5:

A lot of times, people don't understand how the animals could blindly follow everything Napoleon dictates to them. The same could be said of the Germans during WWII. What do you think? Are people more likely to follow their leaders or critically think for themselves? Why or why not?

After completing chapter 8:

Why do you think all those animals confessed to plotting with Snowball? Do you think they really did? Explain.

After completing the entire novel:

What did you learn from this story? List two themes and provide textual support for each theme. (Reminder: themes are lessons we learn from a story that apply to our own lives. They do NOT mention particular character names or events in the story. However, the textual support will make such specific references. Also, often times it is the author's intention that we learn from characters' mistakes.)