

Final Essay on George Orwell's *Animal Farm*

Your final essay on George Orwell's *Animal Farm* is due on Monday, December 12. You must turn in a hard copy as well as a digital copy. The digital copy must be submitted to www.turnitin.com.

You may choose one of these topics for your essay:

- **What does *Animal Farm* reveal about human nature?**
- **What lessons does *Animal Farm* reveal about the individual and society?**
- **How is *Animal Farm* still relevant today?**

Technical requirements:

- Minimum of four paragraphs
- Minimum of two quotes from Orwell's text
- Minimum of one quote from an outside text
- Cite your quoted information
- 12-point font
- typed, double-spaced

Important Tips:

- Start with the text *-Animal Farm-*—and then make connections to the larger world.
- Make claims and then back those claims up with evidence AND analysis. What does the text say? What does the text mean?
- Avoid relying on what somebody else has already said. Case in point: the Russian Revolution. While it's true that *Animal Farm* is an allegory of the Russian Revolution, your essay should not focus on the Russian Revolution. In other words, don't spend your time telling me that Napoleon = Stalin and Boxer = the workers and so on. This is information that is already well known and available on the Internet. I'm interested in what you think.
- Be risky. I know it's scary when you are in uncertain territory, but originality and new connections should be your goals.
- Trust me. I would never put you in an impossible circumstance. I want you to stretch your big brain and to discover new knowledge.
- Trust yourself. Combine what you know about good writing (topic sentences, smooth transitions, solid arguments etc.) with new ideas. You've got the tools and the resources to create new knowledge. Now do it!