

Animal Farm: Quick Notes Revision Quiz

Plot, characters, context, themes, quotations and an exam-style plan for George Orwell's *Animal Farm*.

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Learning objective: I can recall the plot, characters, themes and context of *Animal Farm*.

✓ I know the plot ✓ I can link characters and themes ✓ I can use context

1 The plot

Number the events of *Animal Farm* in order.

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A Boxer is sold to the knacker.

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B Old Major shares his dream of a world without humans.

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C The pigs walk on two legs and look like humans.

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D Napoleon's dogs chase Snowball off the farm.

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E The animals rebel and drive out Mr Jones.

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F Snowball leads the animals at the Battle of the Cowshed.

2 Characters

Match each character to a description.

1 Napoleon

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A a pig who spreads propaganda

2 Snowball

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B a cynical old donkey

3 Squealer

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C a loyal, hard-working horse

4 Boxer

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D a pig who becomes a dictator (Stalin)

5 Benjamin

☐

E a clever pig driven out by Napoleon (Trotsky)

3 Themes

For each theme, give one moment where it appears and the character most linked to it.

Theme	Where it appears	Linked character
Power and corruption		
Propaganda		
Exploitation of the working class		

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4 Context and themes

	TRUE	FALSE
1 The novella is an allegory of the Russian Revolution.	☐	☐
2 It was published in 1945.	☐	☐
3 The Seven Commandments stay the same throughout.	☐	☐
4 The windmill stands for Stalin's five-year plans.	☐	☐

5 Quotations Explain what each quotation shows. Name the speaker or character where you can.

1 "All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others." [2 marks]

2 "I will work harder." [2 marks]

6 Exam practice

How does Orwell present the abuse of power in *Animal Farm*? Plan three points with evidence.

Answer Key

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Question	Answers
1 The plot	Correct order: B, E, F, D, A, C Old Major shares his dream of a world without humans. → The animals rebel and drive out Mr Jones. → Snowball leads the animals at the Battle of the Cowshed. → Napoleon's dogs chase Snowball off the farm. → Boxer is sold to the knacker. → The pigs walk on two legs and look like humans.
2 Characters	1 D ; 2 E ; 3 A ; 4 C ; 5 B
3 Themes	Power and corruption – Where it appears: the pigs move into the farmhouse , Linked character: Napoleon Propaganda – Where it appears: Squealer explains away changes , Linked character: Squealer Exploitation of the working class – Where it appears: Boxer is sold to the knacker , Linked character: Boxer
4 Context and themes	1 True ; 2 True ; 3 False – the pigs secretly change them, ending with 'All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others'; 4 True
5 Quotations	1. the final commandment – the pigs have become a ruling class; corruption of the revolution's ideals. 2. Boxer – his loyalty and strength are exploited by the pigs.
6 Exam practice	Look for: • Napoleon's rise and use of the dogs • Squealer's propaganda and changing the commandments • Context: Stalin, the Russian Revolution, Orwell's warning

Teaching note: Orwell died in 1950, so his works are out of copyright in the UK; short quotations are used.