

Essay titles for 'Animal Farm' examination

- In your response you MUST refer to context.
- 8 of your 40 marks are attributed to the quality of your spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- In the exam you are expected to spend 50 minutes on this question.

1. *'The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was impossible to say which was which'*

In what ways do the pigs change throughout the novel?

2. *'The animals were not certain what the words meant, but Squealer spoke so persuasively ... that they accepted his explanation without further questions'*.

Explore the importance of Squealer in 'Animal Farm'.

3. In 'Animal Farm', Boxer says 'I must work harder'. How does Orwell explore attitudes towards work in Animal Farm? You must refer to the context of the novel in your answer.

4. How does Orwell use the character of Napoleon to explore ideas about power and control in 'Animal Farm'? You must refer to context in your answer.

5. 'All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.' How far is this idea important in 'Animal Farm'?

6. It is said in the novel that 'Boxer was the admiration of everybody. He had been a hard worker even in Jones's time'. Consider the significance of Boxer in the novel.

7. In what ways does Napoleon prove himself a similar tyrant to Farmer Jones?

8. Explain how one of the novel's minor characters (such as Mollie or Moses) illuminates Orwell's major themes and issues in the novel.

9. Explain how the human characters contribute to the novel's themes and issues.

10. *'Rebellion! I do not know when that Rebellion will come, it might be in a week or in a hundred years, but I know, as surely as I see this straw beneath my feet, that sooner or later justice will be done.'*

How does Orwell explore the problem of propaganda in 'Animal Farm'?

11. Paying particular attention to the character of Squealer, how is language used as an instrument of social control?

12. Using Boxer and the sheep as your prime examples, discuss how intelligence and stupidity is explored in the novel.

13. The novel can be viewed as a warning. About what specific types of dangers might Orwell be warning his readers? What specific events in the book prove your points?