

ANIMAL FARM ESSAY TOPICS

- Do you think that you *should* study *Animal Farm* in school? Explain your answer fully, with close reference to the text.
- *Animal farm* was taken off the literature syllabus in Zimbabwe, banned in Kenya in 1991 and in the United Arab Emirates in 2002 – why?
- Explain how *Animal Farm* is a satirical fable, based on the events in Russia under Stalin's rule. You should explain the links between the characters and their historical counterparts.
- If an allegory is “a figurative representation conveying a meaning other than and in addition to the literal,” then what are the additional or alternative meanings contained in Orwell's story of animal rebellion?
- Critically discuss the following statement: *Animal Farm* is a novel about leaders and followers.
- How can Orwell's novel serve as a warning to young people of your generation in your country?
- Critically discuss the following statement: *If you read and understood Animal Farm, you would value your education more.*
- Discuss how Napoleon is a prime example of how ‘absolute power corrupts absolutely’.
- Through a close examination of the character of Squealer, show how language can be a powerful tool of propaganda.
- Discuss the seven commandments in the novel. What are they? Why are they chosen? And how do they change?
- Through the character of Boxer we can see the terrible betrayal of the pigs. Discuss.
- Explain how hypocrisy and lies play a major part in the leadership of the pigs.
- To many people, it is bizarre that the animals just go along with everything that the pigs tell them. Can you explain this?
- Do you think that the animals' revolution was a success or a failure? Explain your answer in a well-discussed essay.

