

9th Grade Summer Reading

Required Book: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

Instructions: You are to read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and spot 3 themes in the book. A theme is a message the story has about how to live or a message about society, government, or religion that the author is trying to convey in a story. For this story you are looking for explicit themes, which are themes that the characters discuss in the story or implicit themes, which are events in the story that don't tell you the meaning, but still convey a message. For example, an implicit theme would be a character refusing to fight. He does this because (theme) he believes fighting is wrong.

You should have 3 themes and spot 3 quotes to back up each theme and explain each quote for each theme. (If you have a total of 9 Paragraphs, you are on the right track).

Make sure each quote is cited using **MLA citation (Author's Last Name Page Number where quote can be found)**

Example: (Orwell 91). You should have 9 of these in the essay to know you are on the right track (3 for each theme x 3 themes)

What should it look like? Here is an example from *Aesop's Fables*.

Theme: Do not get too over confident

“The Rabbit saw he was in the lead and decided to take a nap.” (Aesop 4)

The Rabbit thought he could beat the Tortoise since he was so much quicker, so he took a nap. This is a good example of pride coming before the fall. In the end, he lost the race because he was so careless and overconfident in his own ability. The Tortoise kept going, never getting discouraged, and ended up winning the race due to diligence, which the Rabbit lacked.

You will continue like this by picking two more quotes, citing them and explaining them. Then, do this again for the next to theme choices.

All essays are to be typed and turned into **Turn It In** when we return to school.