

# Animal Farm Essay Assignment



This Assignment will be completed in two parts.

1. You will write a plan/ draft of your essay and meet with your teacher to discuss your plans
2. You will complete and submit your final essay

***Both activities will be graded***

**Instructions :** Choose from the topics below and write a 5 paragraph essay exploring your chosen topic.

1. In Animal Farm, the pigs became the leaders and the other animals accept them because the pigs are the cleverest and smartest. Is intelligence the most important quality needed for leadership? What other qualities are important for a leader to have?

2. One of the themes of Animal Farm is that ignoring problems and pretending that things are OK can have negative consequences. How does the animal's behavior in the novel support this theme? How does education play into it?
3. Another theme that runs through Animal Farm is that power corrupts those who possess it. How does George Orwell show this through the character of Napoleon?
4. The animals rebel against Jones because he made them work long, hard hours and generally neglected or abused them. Compare the lives of the animals when they live under Jones and under Napoleon. In what ways has Napoleon proven himself a similar tyrant?
5. Examine the Seven Commandments and the way they change during the course of the novel from Old Major's death in the beginning to the banquet Napoleon holds with the farmers at the end.

## **Part 2: Conversation Requirements**

Be prepared to answer the following questions during your student/ teacher conference.

Your teacher will arrange a meeting date for this conference.

1. What is your topic?
2. Why did you choose that topic?
3. What does the topic mean to you? ( What should you be talking about in your essay?
4. What is your perspective on the topic?
5. What (at least 2) ideas will you use in your essay?
6. Which characters will you focus on in your essay?
7. What (at least 2 ) quotations can be used in your essay to support your ideas?
8. What do you need to do in order to finish the essay properly?