



Animal Farm by George Orwell

Ending

- reverted to 'Manor farm'
- Pigs indistinguishable from men
- 360° Revolution

Themes

Leadership

- charismatic Old Major
- cynical Benjamin
- polemic Napoleon vs Snowball
- Benjamin's quotes
- Cucaracha
- Clementine
- Song: Beasts of England 7
- Commandments spelling errors
- Battle of Cowshed
- based on Caesar's Gallic Wars 28
- Animal hero decorations 28
- Celebration marches: Napoleon with black cockerel

Humour

- Battle of Cowshed
- Animal hero decorations 28
- Celebration marches: Napoleon with black cockerel

Genre

- satire of totalitarianism on reality
- allegory fairytale
- moral warning fable

Characters

Jones

- drunkard
- Old Major
 - experienced, moral, equality, benevolent, majestic
 - respected leader
- Napoleon
 - gets own way 9
 - fierce-looking
 - negative leader
- Snowball
 - vivacious, inventive, talker, positive
- Squealer
 - spokesperson
 - turns black into white 36

Pigs

- Old Major
- Napoleon
- Snowball
- Squealer

Horses

- Clover
 - motherly
- Boxer
 - hard-working and stupid 2
- Mollie
 - foolish
- Benjamin
 - cynical

published 1945

- writing context WWII
- Fascism vs Comunist

Narrator

omniscient

Narration

Narrative plot

Utopia

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- Community

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