

Language Arts 9

Summer Reading Assignment - School year 2023-24

Due Date: The first week of school– I will give you the exact date once I see the fall schedule.

Required book: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell (any edition is fine)

Do not use any online sources for this assignment, including AI writing tools.

You are responsible for obtaining your own copy of the book, and you will need it during the first few weeks of the school year.

You may either type or handwrite your summer reading assignments; typed assignments should be double-spaced. I do take off points for spelling mistakes. Please number your answers with the question number. All paragraph answers should be about 4 - 5 sentences in length. When I ask for examples, you can either use a quote from the book (with page number) or paraphrase a specific example in your own words. This assignment is designed to be completed with your independent reading of the book; we will discuss the book in more details during class after school starts.

If you have any questions, you may email me at mschafstall@temima.org

- 1) At the beginning of the book, what seems to be the animals main complaints about living under the ownership of Farmer Jones? What seem to be the animals main goals in creating their perfect society without humans, and how do they think their lives will be better? Include two specific examples from the book as support for the second question here. (1-2 paragraph response)
- 2) What do you think was most successful part of the society the animals created? The least successful part? Respond to each question in a separate paragraph and include at least one specific example for each. In terms of success/lack of success, you can measure this according to things they accomplished (or didn't accomplish), relationships, leadership, etc.
- 3) Ultimately, Animal Farm becomes The Manor Farm in the end, and the pigs resemble humans more than animals. What does this failure of the animals to create a better and different society suggest about humans in terms of leadership, power, relationships, etc.? Include at least one specific example in your response. (1-2 paragraph response)
- 4) Discuss two examples from the book that you haven't discussed in previous questions. For each one, discuss why you think it's important in terms of revealing something about a character, showing character relationships, and/or illustrating a main idea. You should either paraphrase or quote (with page number) your example before discussing it. (1 paragraph for each example).
- 5) Compare this book to another book you have read or movie you have seen. You could compare them according to issues, characters, plot, etc. Note that the word "compare" means that you can discuss similarities and/or differences. (1-2 paragraph response)
- 6) Vocabulary: Identify 5 words in the book that you needed to look up in the dictionary and/or that you consider to be SAT (higher vocabulary) words. Write out the sentence from the book with the word underlined, and then include the correct dictionary definition for each word.

Happy reading! I look forward to meeting you and discussing the book with you this fall!