





# *Animal Farm*

CHAPTERS 1-2

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- ▶ Orwell got the idea for *Animal Farm* while watching a **young boy whipping a carthorse**.
  - ▶ His pity for the **exploited horse** reminded him of his sympathy for the **exploited working class**.

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- ▶ George Orwell has **hidden** his **critique** of society in **parables/fables** in order to portray the **problems of society** in more effective ways.
  - ▶ By setting problems in **an animal kingdom**, a writer can achieve the distance that is necessary to see **the absurdity in some human behavior**




The **pre-Rebellion misery** of the farm animals help to show Orwell's critique of **social inequality** and the **mistreatment** of workers.

Utopia= **IDEAL WORLD**,  
represented in Old Major's dreams

# *Animal Farm* is an **allegory** because...

- ▶ Manor Farm = **Russia under the system of the Czars**
- ▶ Mr. Jones = **Czar Nicholas II**


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- ▶ **Old Major = Karl Marx (father of Communism) & Vladimir Lenin**
  - ▶ **Common Animals = workers and peasants of Russia**

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- ▶ **Boxer and Clover** = **certain aspects of the working class: hard working, loyal to each other, but lack of leadership/ direction**
  - ▶ **Mollie** = **self-centered middle-upper class, devotes herself to luxuries and comforts of life; selfish**



▶ Pigs = Bolshevik Party, who organized & controlled the Russian Revolution



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- ▶ Napoleon = Joseph Stalin
  - ▶ Snowball = Leon Trotsky
  - ▶ Squealer = Voice of propaganda
  - ▶ Moses = Russian Orthodox Church

# Animalism=Communism

- ▶ Animalism
- ▶ \*no owners, no rich, but no poor
- ▶ \*workers get better life, all animals =
- ▶ \*everyone owns the farm



- ▶ Communism

- ▶ \*SAME

- ▶ \*All people =

- ▶ \*Government owns everything,  
& people own  
government