

## *Modern World History Summer Reading Assignment*

### *Animal Farm,*

*By George Orwell*

In preparation for Modern World History, you are expected to read *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell. Copies of it are available at all local libraries. All work should be written in complete sentences in your own words. Each assignment is due at the beginning of class on the date specified below.

#### **I Vocabulary (due 9/8)**

Define the following words using your textbook or a dictionary *before* you read the book.

1. communism
2. totalitarianism
3. ration
4. resolution
5. decree
6. capitulate
7. propaganda

#### **II Important historical figures (due 9/12)**

Write a description of one sentence for each character or group. You can use your textbook or a trustworthy website. If you use an online source, please provide the website.

1. Karl Marx
2. Czar Nicholas II
3. Vladimir Lenin
4. Bolsheviks
5. Leon Trotsky
6. Joseph Stalin

#### **III Quote Analysis (due 9/15)**

Choose *one meaningful* quotation from the novel and explain its significance. Relate the quote to the events in the book and either your own personal experiences or current world events. Include the page numbers for the quote and any evidence in the text. Minimum 2 paragraphs.

#### IV Reading Comprehension (due 9/23)

Answer 3 of the following questions with specific evidence from the novel. Indicate the page number(s) from which you gathered your examples. Credit will only be given if page numbers are indicated.

1. Illustrate the evidence of peer pressure as demonstrated in the book, with examples of Boxer and/or the sheep.
2. Are the pigs good leaders? Use specific examples of good leadership qualities as well as characteristics that they lacked.
3. Which animal(s) can you most relate to? What similar personality traits do you share? Which animal(s) are you most different from? Why?
4. Why do the animals revolt? Did it change their lives for the better? Why or why not?
5. Choose one event and analyze why it had the greatest effect on the animals.

(Possible Choices: Battle of the Cowshed, Snowball's defeat, demolition of the windmill, confession of animals to aiding Snowball, Boxer's exit from the farm, or the battle with Frederick)

#### V Theme (due 9/29)

Choose 2 themes to analyze. Provide quotes and specific examples to support the major themes of the novel. Credit will only be given if page numbers are indicated.

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Explanation of Theme</b>	<b>Examples in the Novel with Specific Textual Evidence (Provide page number)</b>
<i>Leadership</i>		
<i>Rules and Order</i>		
<i>Control over the Intellectually Inferior</i>		
<i>Propaganda</i>		
<i>Equality</i>		