



1. Animal Farm and Allegory

Student Name _____ Date _____

Answer the Following questions.

1) How is Orwell's *Animal Farm* an allegorical retelling of the end of feudalism and the rise and consolidation of communism in Russia?

2) How does Orwell parallel Czarist Russia and the life of the Russian peasantry in the characters and events of *Animal Farm*?

3) What internal feud within the Communist party is paralleled in the struggle for power between Napoleon and Snowball?

4) During the Stalinist period the Communist State repeatedly set industrial and agricultural production goals that were often difficult or impossible to reach. These goals played a major role in the government's Five Year Plan and similar plans. How are these plans represented in Orwell's novella?

5) How does Napoleon gradually begin to abuse his power? Why do the other animals of Manor Farm allow him to encroach upon their rights and freedoms?

6) How does Napoleon respond to criticism or resistance? Is there a parallel to his behavior in the history of Soviet Union?

7) In the last paragraphs of the novella Napoleon, amongst the other human farmers, is heard to give a toast to the prosperity of Manor Farm. Contained within this scene is the irony that makes Napoleon's behavior so ghastly. Describe the irony inherent in Napoleon's behavior, and explain how it corresponds to the behavior of the party elite in the Soviet Union.