

### Review of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*

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It cannot be denied that *Animal Farm* of George Orwell is one of the most prominent novels or novellas of the twentieth century written in the form of allegory. It was published in England on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1945 for the first time. Later, this work has been translated into many languages world-wide.

Eric Blair's intention is to narrate the story of the Fable of *Animal Farm* through a simple story to highlight and analyse the hypocrisy and the duality of the of the disloyal politicians in the Soviet Union and the reaction of the working class to their oppression, the inequality in the society, and revolution and its factors and results.

In the form of allegory, the novel talks about some animals in a farm owned by Mr. Jones, and old boar (Old Major) who has a dream has the desire to tell his dream to the other animals in the farm with the hope of encouraging them to make a revolution against the farmer Jones, as the he made them to live in a miserable life

full of suppression and oppression, hunger, inequality and slavery. He tells them of the tyranny of the farmer who does not provide bread and does not allow them to be free. Moreover, Old Major reminds them of how he slaughters them. So, he made them to think of a revolution one day in order to become free and rule themselves as the only cause of hunger and slavery in the farm is Man, that is why they need to remove him from power then everything will be good and animals will live in tranquility and will eventually have an egalitarian society.

The animals accepted the idea of Old Major and they soon revolted against the farm owner and were able to remove him from power and the animals become the owner of the farm.

After animals became triumphant, they soon constituted some rules for the entire animals in the farm to make all the animals stick to them. The pigs (the wisest among them) endeavored to take the authority of

the farm as they said that they were the leaders of the battle against Mr. Jones. They gradually started to oppress, kill, slaughter animals under different justifications, in this, they resembled the previous owner of the farm. Besides, the lives of the animals have been worsened as there were no freedom and the animals were also much hungrier. Finally, the pigs will behave exactly like Mr. Jones and run a totalitarian regime and break all the rules of animals in the farm.

Each character through his behavior stands for someone outside the novel. For instance, Mr. Jones represents Czar Nicollas II, in particular, and in general who represents any totalitarian ruler who only cares about his interests and his family, anywhere in the world.

Old Major who represents Karl Marx in particular and any thinker and philosopher in general, can be blamed as he seems selfish by being the only one whose speech must be fulfilled soon or later. Who claims that in his country all people must be equal in work and the product. He is the main factor behind the revolution because his promises the majority of people-the working class, to eradicate the causes of hunger and inequality in the society.

Napoleon represents Joseph Stalin in particular and any revolutionist who is power-hunger and intends to take power after the victory of the revolution, in general. He behaves as a dictator in the farm and does not regard for the other animals' opinions. He always plans to fight his counterpart has was loved by many animals dues to his loyalty to them.

Snowball represents the true revolutionists in the society. All he wants is to serve all people in the society equally. He wants to rearrange the life of the animals in the farm via discussing political and economic issues and is eager to address the pressing issues but the others such as Napoleon did not allow him to do anything good.

Squealer represents Molotov minister of propaganda in particular and any other minister of propaganda anywhere in the world. He made the pigs sacred and made them superior and significant and made the other animals slaves and unimportant via circulating false news about the pigs.

The dogs represent the secret force which has been used by Napoleon to terrify the other animals in the farm when they want to disagree about anything, in order not to jeopardize their interest and their leaders, they protect the pigs (leaders)

Boxer represents the working class who are very strong physically and dim-witted

mentally. They believed that the authority after will become better. They always say they have to work harder and their leader is always right.

Moses represents the church and the religious men who always via the unimportant messages deceived the poor animals. They advised the animals to accept the hardship that they face to be rewarded by the Sucarcandy mountain which is dedicated to the believers. Moses was used as tool by the dictator to exploit people by. Furthermore; they had common interests with the tyrannical leaders which will be the cause of their continuity with all the governments.

The sheep represents the illiterate, naïve and simple people in the society who are the majority in the farm. The authority, media and religion could influence them easily. This group of people have been stupidified during all regimes because they were not literate and they always praise their authority. They could not influence anyone in the society as they possess no power and product and they do not tolerate the events.

Writers and poets represent those writers who always praise their authoritative powers.

Benjamin, the donkey represents those who will be silent always as they believe

the revolution will not bring anything good to the country. It may represent the intellectual and the well-educated people. They neither show disagreements from hunger nor they show their acceptance of the prosperity. They neither stand against slavery nor they support freedom.

The cat represents those who only care about their interests wherever they are. They are always selfish and opportunist.