

Hampton Christian Academy

U.S. Government 12: Overview of Summer Assignment *Animal Farm*

I. Read the unabridged version of the novel, taking into consideration the paper requirements identified below. Be ready for a test on it during the first week of school.

Reading Focus: Reading reflectively is critical to the comprehension and analysis of literature. In other words, *how* you read is just as important as *what* you read. Although *Animal Farm* is a political satire and you should note those aspects of the novel, it also functions as an allegory. An allegory is an extended comparison in which characters, events, etc. have symbolic meaning and work together to present a moral truth, promote a political message, or reflect a spiritual insight. Read the novel with this allegorical context in mind.

II. Write a 600-700 word essay discussing/analyzing the book (details below/due first week of school).

Written Response: Write a five-paragraph essay (600-700 words) analyzing *Animal Farm* as an exposé on human nature. In the introductory paragraph, assess it as an allegory. Identify and explain the primary allegorical components in the novel. In the next three paragraphs, identify three traits of human nature (one per paragraph) that are illustrated in the novel. Discuss each trait, giving specific evidence from the events and characters in the book that support your interpretation. In the concluding paragraph, incorporate the spiritual insights regarding the nature of man that can be gleaned from this literary piece.

Note: The completed essay assignment is due on the first Friday of school. Maintain Christ-like ethical standards: Do your own work. Your paper should be a product of your personal interpretation and insight. Be sure to proofread your work. **Each assignment should be typed, using MLA format, Times New Roman, 12-point font, and double spacing throughout. In the top left corner of the first page, please put the following heading:**

Your Name

Teacher's Name

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Due Date

Have a great summer! See you in the fall!