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“Animal Farm” is a novel written by George Orwell during the years of 1939 - 1945. The novel is a depiction of the “Russian Revolution” and represents the major themes during this time in history. There are a ton of characters in the story, most being animals that represent some of the major leaders in history. Starting off, Old Major (an elderly pig) who feels his life coming to an end inspires the animals to rebel against the farm owner, Mr. Jones (a human) representing Karl Marx. Old Major was the one to push the rebellion but sadly, passed away before the rebellion became a reality. Mr. Jones is based on the Tzar, Nicholas II because of his neglect against the animals which led to them rebelling against him and resulting in the animals taking over the farm. Snowball, who is one of the pigs, represents Leon Trotsky because of his fate and his strategies used to gain control throughout the novel. One of the most important characters, Napoleon, represents Joseph Stalin because of his ruling methods, selfishness, and greed over power being similar to Stalin. A character who helped Napoleon spread propaganda throughout the farm is Squealer who just represents the use of propaganda in general. The farm is originally called “Manor Farm” but is later changed to “Animal Farm” when the animals take over.

I loved the book because it retells history in such an interesting and unique way. The animals symbolizing different leaders is very captivating and it also helps you learn about the Russian Revolution. Some of the main themes and or warnings shown in the novel by Orwell

were the use of propaganda, totalitarianism, corruption of power, and abuse of language. My favorite characters had to be Boxer and Clover (both horses). Boxer and Clover were both very hardworking and would always try to minimize the amount of work for the other animals and overall, just improve the farm.

I would definitely recommend this book to everyone because of its interesting concept with animals instead of humans. I think mostly anyone would enjoy this book, especially if you are into history or dystopian. The best part is that "*Animal Farm*" isn't a very long novel so it won't take too much of your time! This novel reminds me of "*Fahrenheit 451*" by Ray Bradbury and "*1984*" which is also by George Orwell.