

## *Animal Farm* Quote Bank

### **Government / Pigs in charge:**

“Only get rid of Man, and the produce of our labour would be our own. Almost overnight we could become rich and free. What then must we do...Rebellion!” (Orwell 7).

“The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally upon the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals” (Orwell 11).

“You will have all the oats and hay you want” (Orwell 12).

“The pigs did not actually work, but directed and supervised the others. With their superior knowledge it was natural that they should assume the leadership” (Orwell 19).

“He said the education of the young was more important than anything that could be done for those who were already grown up” (Orwell 34-35).

“Napoleon took them away from their mothers, saying that he would make himself responsible for their education” (Orwell 35).

“The animals had assumed as a matter of course that these would be shared out equally; one day, however, the order went forth that all the windfalls were to be collected and brought to the harness-room for the use of the pigs” (Orwell 25).

“It is for *your* sake that we drink the milk and eat those apples. Do you know what would happen if we pigs failed in our duty? Jones would come back!” (Orwell 25).

“...Snowball made a little speech, emphasizing the need for all animals to be ready to die for Animal Farm if need be” (Orwell 30-31).

“It had come to be accepted that the pigs... should decide all questions of farm policy...” (Orwell 47).

“They kept close to Napoleon. It was noticed that they wagged their tails at him in the same way as the other dogs had been used to do to Mr. Jones” (Orwell 38).

“... all question relating to the working of the farm would be settled by a special committee of pigs, presided over by himself” (Orwell 38).

“This work was strictly voluntary but any animal who absented himself from it would have his rations reduced by half” (Orwell 42).

### **Rule Changes- See the following pages:**

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**Education/Orwell's warning:**

“The most faithful disciples were...Boxer and Clover. These two had great difficulty thinking anything out for themselves...they absorbed everything that they were told...They were unfailing in their attendance at the secret meetings...” (Orwell 13).

“When Boxer heard this he fetched the small straw hat which he wore in summer to keep the flies out of his ears, and flung it on the fire with the rest” (Orwell 15).

“The pigs now revealed that during the past three months they had taught themselves to read and write...” (Orwell 17).

“It was always the pigs who put forward the resolutions. The other animals understood how to vote, but could never think of any resolutions of their own” (Orwell 21-22).

“He said the education of the young was more important than anything that could be done for those who were already grown up” (Orwell 24).

“Napoleon took them away from their mothers, saying that he would make himself responsible for their education” (Orwell 24).

“It is for *your* sake that we drink the milk and eat those apples. Do you know what would happen if we pigs failed in our duty? Jones would come back!” (Orwell 36).

“...they did not want Jones back. When it was put to them in this light, they had no more to say” (Orwell 25).

“It had come to be accepted that the pigs... should decide all questions of farm policy...” (Orwell 33).

“...they always found themselves in agreement with the one who was speaking at the moment” (Orwell 36).

“... all question relating to the working of the farm would be settled by a special committee of pigs, presided over by himself” (Orwell 54).

“Boxer, who had now had time to think things over, voiced the general feeling by saying: ‘If Comrade Napoleon says it, it must be right’” (Orwell 40).

“And since it was certainly true that nothing of the kind existed in writing, the animals were satisfied that they had been mistaken” (Orwell 46).

“The animals were shocked...that even Snowball could be guilty of such an action... everyone began thinking out ways of catching Snowball is he should ever come back” (Orwell 50).

“I could show you this in his own writing, if you were able to read it” (Orwell 56).

“Whatever happened she would remain faithful, work hard, carry out the orders that were given to her, and accept the leadership of Napoleon” (Orwell 61).

“But Benjamin was watching... Slowly, and with an air of amusement, Benjamin nodded his long muzzle. ‘I thought so,’ he said. ‘Do you not realize what they are doing?’” (Orwell 71).

“None of the animals could form any idea as to what this meant, except old Benjamin, who nodded his muzzle with a knowing air, and seemed to understand, but would say nothing” (Orwell 75).

“Besides, in those days they had been slaves and now they were free, and that made all the difference, as Squealer did not fail to point out” (Orwell 77).

“‘Fools! Fools!’ shouted Benjamin... ‘Fools! Do you not see what is written on the side of the van? They are taking Boxer to the knackers!’” (Orwell 83-84).