

## Animal Farm - Comparison of characters to the Russian Revolution

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Animal Farm	Russian Revolution
<b>Mr. Jones</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>irresponsible to his animals (lets them starve)</li><li>sometimes cruel - beats them with whip</li><li>sometimes kind - mixes milk in animal mash</li></ul>	<b>Czar Nicholas II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a poor leader at best, compared to western kings</li><li>cruel - sometimes brutal with opponents</li><li>Sometimes kind - hired students as spies to make \$</li></ul>
<b>Old Major</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>taught Animalism</li><li>workers do the work, rich keep the \$, animals revolt</li><li>dies before revolution</li></ul>	<b>Karl Marx</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>invented Communism</li><li>"workers of the world unite", take over gov't</li><li>dies before Russian Revolution</li></ul>
<b>Animalism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>no owners, no rich, but no poor</li><li>workers get a better life, all animals equal</li><li>everyone owns the farm</li></ul>	<b>Communism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>same</li><li>all people equal</li><li>gov't owns everything, people own gov't</li></ul>
<b>Snowball</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>young, smart, good speaker, idealistic</li><li>really wants to make life better for all</li><li>one of leaders of revolution</li><li>chased away into exile by Napoleon's dogs</li></ul>	<b>Leon Trotsky</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>other leader of "October Revolution"</li><li>pure communist, followed Marx</li><li>wanted to improve life for all in Russia</li><li>chased away by Lenin's KGB (Lenin's secret police)</li></ul>
<b>Napoleon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>not a good speaker, not as clever like Snowball</li><li>cruel, brutal, selfish, devious, corrupt</li><li>his ambition is for power, killed opponents</li><li>used dogs, Moses, and Squealer to control animals</li></ul>	<b>Joseph Stalin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>not a good speaker, not educated like Trotsky</li><li>same as Napoleon, didn't follow Marx's ideas</li><li>cared for power, killed all that opposed him</li><li>used KGB, allowed church, and</li></ul>

	propagandized
<b>Squealer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• big mouth, talks a lot</li> <li>• convinces animals to believe and follow Napoleon</li> <li>• Changes and manipulates the commandments</li> </ul>	<b>Propaganda department of Lenin's government</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• worked for Stalin to support his image</li> <li>• used any lie to convince the people to follow Stalin</li> <li>• benefited from the fact that education was controlled</li> </ul>
<b>The Dogs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a private army that used fear to force animals to work</li> <li>• killed or intimidated any opponent of Napoleon</li> <li>• another part of Napoleon's strategy to control animals</li> </ul>	<b>KGB - Secret Police</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not really police, but forced support for Stalin</li> <li>• used force, often killed entire families for disobedience</li> <li>• totally loyal, part of Lenin's power, even over army</li> </ul>
<b>Moses the Raven</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tells animals about SugarCandy mountain - Heaven</li> <li>• animals can go there if they work hard</li> <li>• Snowball and Major were against him</li> <li>• they thought Heaven was a lie to make animals work</li> <li>• Napoleon let him stay because he taught animals to work and not complain</li> </ul>	<b>Religion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marx said "Opiate of the people" a lie</li> <li>• used to make people not complain and do their work</li> <li>• Religion was tolerated because people would work</li> <li>• Stalin knew religion would stop violent revolutions</li> </ul>
<b>Mollie</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• was vain - loved her beauty and self</li> <li>• didn't think about the animal farm</li> <li>• went with anyone who gave her what she wanted</li> </ul>	<b>Vain, selfish people in Russia and world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some people didn't care about revolution</li> <li>• only thought about themselves</li> <li>• went to other countries that offered more for them</li> </ul>
<b>Boxer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strong, hard working horse, believes in Animal Farm</li> <li>• "Napoleon is always right", "I must work harder"</li> <li>• gives his all, is betrayed by Napoleon, who sells him</li> </ul>	<b>Dedicated, but tricked communist supporters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• people believed Stalin because he was "Communist"</li> <li>• many stayed loyal after it was obvious Stalin a tyrant</li> <li>• betrayed by Stalin who ignored and killed them</li> </ul>

**Benjamin**

- old, wise donkey who is suspicious of revolution
- thinks "nothing ever changes", is right
- his suspicions are true, about Boxer and sign changes

**Skeptical people in Russia and outside Russia**

- weren't sure revolution would change anything
- realized that a crazy leader can call himself communist
- knew that communism wouldn't work with power
- hungry leaders

**Overall details about revolution**

- it was supposed to make life better for all
- life was worse at the end
- The leaders became the same as, or worse than, the other farmers (humans) they rebelled against

**Overall details of Russian Revolution**

- supposed to fix problems from Czar
- life was even worse long after revolution
- Stalin made Czar look like a nice guy