

Animal Farm - Comparison of characters to the Russian Revolution

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Mr. Jones <ul style="list-style-type: none">irresponsible to his animals (lets them starve)sometimes cruel - beats them with whipsometimes kind - mixes milk in animal mash	Czar Nicholas II <ul style="list-style-type: none">a poor leader at best, compared to western kingscruel - sometimes brutal with opponentsSometimes kind - hired students as spies to make \$
Old Major <ul style="list-style-type: none">taught Animalismworkers do the work, rich keep the \$, animals revoltdies before revolution	Karl Marx <ul style="list-style-type: none">invented Communism"workers of the world unite", take over gov'tdies before Russian Revolution
Animalism <ul style="list-style-type: none">no owners, no rich, but no poorworkers get a better life, all animals equaleveryone owns the farm	Communism <ul style="list-style-type: none">sameall people equalgov't owns everything, people own gov't
Snowball <ul style="list-style-type: none">young, smart, good speaker, idealisticreally wants to make life better for allone of leaders of revolutionchased away into exile by Napoleon's dogs	Leon Trotsky <ul style="list-style-type: none">other leader of "October Revolution"pure communist, followed Marxwanted to improve life for all in Russiachased away by Lenin's KGB (Lenin's secret police)
Napoleon <ul style="list-style-type: none">not a good speaker, not as clever like Snowballcruel, brutal, selfish, devious, corrupthis ambition is for power, killed opponentsused dogs, Moses, and Squealer to control animals	Joseph Stalin <ul style="list-style-type: none">not a good speaker, not educated like Trotskysame as Napoleon, didn't follow Marx's ideascared for power, killed all that opposed himused KGB, allowed church, and

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

<p>Benjamin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • old, wise donkey who is suspicious of revolution • thinks "nothing ever changes", is right • his suspicions are true, about Boxer and sign changes 	<p>Skeptical people in Russia and outside Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Overall details about revolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Overall details of Russian Revolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supposed to fix problems from Czar • life was even worse long after revolution • Stalin made Czar look like a nice guy