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

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<b>Animal Farm</b>	<b>Russian Revolution</b>
<p><b>Mr. Jones</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Czar Nicholas II</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Old Major</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Karl Marx</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Animalism</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Communism</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Snowball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• young, smart, good speaker, idealistic</li> <li>• really wants to make life better for all</li> </ul>	<p><b>Leon Trotsky</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• other leader of "October Revolution"</li> <li>• pure communist, followed Marx</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one of leaders of revolution</li> <li>• chased away into exile by Napoleon's dogs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wanted to improve life for all in Russia</li> <li>• chased away by Lenin's KGB (Lenin's secret police)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Napoleon</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Joseph Stalin</b></p> <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 propagandized</li> </ul>
<p><b>Squealer</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Propaganda department of Lenin's government</b></p> <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>
<p><b>The Dogs</b></p> <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>	<p><b>KGB - Secret Police</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Moses the Raven</b></p> <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 though Heaven was a lie to make animals work</li> <li>• Napoleon let him stay because he taught animals to</li> <li>• work and not complain</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religion</b></p> <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 tolerared because people would work</li> <li>• Stalin knew religion would stop violent revolutions</li> </ul>

<p><b>Mollie</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Vain, selfish people in Russia and world</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Boxer</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Dedicated, but tricked communist supporters</b></p> <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>
<p><b>Benjamin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• old, wise donkey who is suspicious of revolution</li> <li>• thinks "nothing ever changes", is right</li> <li>• his suspicions are true, about Boxer and sign changes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skeptical people in Russia and outside Russia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weren't sure revolution would change anything</li> <li>• realized that a crazy leader can call himself communist</li> <li>• knew that communism wouldn't work with power</li> <li>• hungry leaders</li> </ul>
<p><b>Overall details about revolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it was supposed to make life better for all</li> <li>• life was worse at the end</li> <li>• The leaders became the same as, or worse than,</li> <li>• the other farmers (humans) they rebelled against</li> </ul>	<p><b>Overall details of Russian Revolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supposed to fix problems from Czar</li> <li>• life was even worse long after revolution</li> <li>• Stalin made Czar look like a nice guy</li> </ul>