

# Sophomore Honors Summer Reading Assignment

Mr. Edmund, the sophomore honors English teacher, requests that you read an exceptionally well-written and important work of literature prior to returning to school for the 2022-2023 school year. You will also be leading and participating in in-class discussions with your teacher and your peers. As always, conduct a little research into the author and the era for this novella, and have that information at hand when you return. The book requirements are as follows:

**Title:** *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

**Requirements:** Read, reread, annotate, ponder, and **know** this novel on an academic level. Also, briefly study the history surrounding Orwell's tome.

Assessments of your reading of this novel—in the form of an objective test **and** essay—will occur within the first week of school. These will consist of a thorough examination of your skills as an analytical reader; therefore, it is imperative that you know the difference between reading a book for pleasure and analyzing a work of literature in a scholarly manner so that you can both speak and write effectively on it using specific and precise evidence. As you read, think of the ways in which Orwell has characterized each of the main, as well as the sub, characters and events. This novella is an allegory (know what this means before coming to class). Please be prepared to discuss the Historical context and relevance of this classic. Also, as you read, contemplate the tone, style, plot, point of view, setting and possible themes Orwell uses AND possible reasons why he made these selections.

I suggest you purchase your own copy of this work of literature. It is, however, available in the Coronado High School media center—on a limited basis—and may be checked out before you leave for summer break. You may also obtain a copy from the Pikes Peak Library District at a local branch. DO NOT write in copies that you borrow from the CHS or PPLD libraries.

**Though they will not be graded, annotations for your reading will be helpful, and, quite frankly, should be a given for any academic reading by this point in your education. Again, you may want to strongly consider purchasing your own copy as you may not write in the school copies.**

When you return to school we will begin discussing this literary selection AFTER the test and essay have been completed.

Have a literate summer, and I look forward to hearing from you all after summer and seeing you in August!

Deepest Regards,

Mr. Edmund