Dialectical Journals-*Animal Farm*

**Thematic Reading Work**

You will be assigned two chapters of reading each night for homework. You must find two examples of theme as you read each chapter. It doesn’t matter which theme you identify in each chapter, as long as you have at least one example for each theme by the time you have finished the book. **Themes: *“Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely,” The importance of helping one another and not being self-serving, Power of Propaganda, The importance of education and knowledge, The ways that satire communicates and comments upon the absurdity of humans, and Mob mentality v. the Individual.***

**How many quotations should I have?**

At least one quotation per theme. Make sure to include the page number at the end of each quote (see format below). Also indicate the speaker if you are using dialogue from the novel.

**What exactly constitutes a meaningful quotation?**

A quotation can be narration OR dialogue. You are NOT limited just to what the characters say to one another (especially when a character is the narrator). Find passages that you think help us better understand the author’s subject matter, characterizations, attitude, and especially THEMES. If you find yourself simply repeating what the quotation says, you might want to select a different quotation or reevaluate how you are approaching the response. NO SUMMARIES when explaining the quotes.

**What format should I use?**

Summarize the events of the chapter in a paragraph at the top of your paper.

Then, draw a line down the rest of the paper. Use the left side of the double column notes to copy a significant quote or line from the story with its page number. Use the second column to react to that line: predictions, revelations. Include each of these for each quote. Don’t be afraid to use ellipses like this … to shorten your quote.

**SUMMARY AND DIALECTICAL JOURNAL LAYOUT (10 points)**

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Chapter #

**One paragraph summary/include examples of allegory that can be used to help better understand the characterizations and the subject matter**

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| **Meaningful Quote #1(directly quote the text) that supports each theme. Include P.C. (5 points)** |
| **Example*-***“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 27). | **Predictions** from this quote about what will happen: *Predict what might happen.* **(2 points)****Example*-***The pigs will most likely begin to abuse their power as the novel continues. They have realized that the less intelligent animals are easy to manipulate and take advantage of. The pigs will use their intelligence over the other animals for evil instead of good.  |
| What does this quote **reveal** about the theme? *Reasoning/explanation of how the quote is an example of the theme.* **(8 points)****Example*-***This quote reveals the theme of the importance of education and knowledge because it shows that when you have more education than others you can become a leader and do less manual labor.  |

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| **Meaningful Quote #2(directly quote the text) that supports each theme. Include P.C.** |
|  | **Predictions:**  |
|  | **Revelations:** |