

Honors 9th Lit/ Comp Summer Reading 2020

All rising Honors 9th Literature/ Composition students: Welcome to Lassiter; we look forward to working with you next year! You are required to read *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell. Additionally, you will complete an assignment associated with this book. **Your assignment will be due the first week of school; please have completed your reading and assignment by then.** Contact person: Jodi Day – Jodi.Day@cobbk12.org

Animal Farm:

Animal Farm is a literary classic, presenting the concepts of rhetoric, satire, and allegory. A story in the style of Aesop's fables, this novella depicts animals on an English farm to tell the history of Soviet communism. Orwell's *Animal Farm* remains on the "101 Great Books" recommended for college-bound readers by the College Board (associated with AP Exams, SAT, PSAT). Enjoy reading this classic, and be prepared to write and respond in your Honors English class.

Assignment:

- 1) Read *Animal Farm* with the ferocious attentiveness that high school expects from an honors student, paying careful attention to plot, character development, and theme. We highly suggest annotating the text as you read by highlighting important ideas, themes, unknown vocabulary, etc. and writing notes in the margin.
- 2) Choose **one** of the following activities to complete:
 - a. Choose **two** major themes presented in the book (abuse of language, the role of the working class, corrupt leadership, lies and deceit, dangers/ merits of class structure, etc.). Trace these themes throughout the book, jotting down instances where they occur. Quote the line and page number of each example and provide your own ideas about the quote (approximately 2-3 sentences). Aim for 5 textual examples of each theme (10 entries total).
 - b. Choose one key quotation from each chapter in *Animal Farm* (10 chapters in the book). Record each quotation, including the page number, and explain the significance of the quote to the overall story (approximately 2-3 sentences).

Note: This should be typed or neatly written in blue or black ink.