

Instructions for Paperclips Activity

- Receive your paperclips from Mr. Everson; count them (not everyone will have the same amount)
- Play Rock-Paper-Scissors with your classmates. Two out of three wins. Before you play, wager how many paperclips this game is worth. You may not play the same person twice in a row.
- If you run out of paperclips, you can't play.

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REVISED Instructions for Paperclips Activity

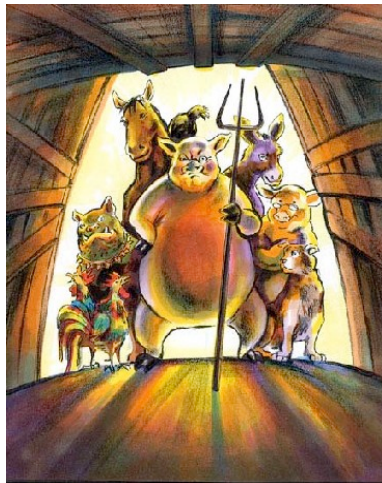
- Continue to play Rock-Paper-Scissors with your classmates. Two out of three still wins. Winner gets half of the loser's paperclips (round up). You may not play the same person twice in a row.
- If you run out of paperclips, you can't play.

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FURTHER REVISED
Instructions for Paperclips Activity

- Return all paperclips to Mr. Everson.
- Every student will receive a new allotment of paperclips.
- Play Rock-Paper-Scissors with your classmates. Two out of three wins. Shake hands and keep all of your paperclips, regardless of the outcome.
- If you run out of paperclips, you can't play.

Animal Farm



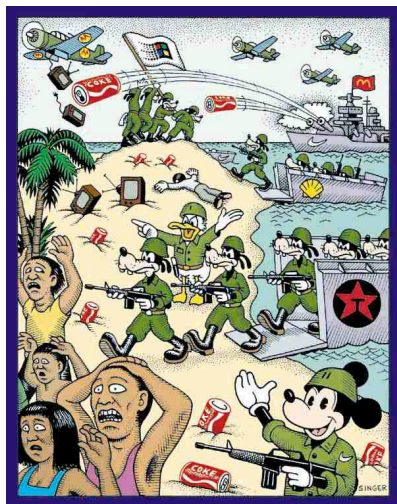
A Background

The Communist Revolution:
How it Happened and
How it was Supposed to Happen

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Capitalism

- **Definition:** An economic system motivated by profit. More education, harder work, and more important jobs earn more money.
- Money, food, resources, water, jobs, opportunity are sold to the highest bidder for profit.
- Concerned with getting yourself ahead rather than what is best for the group.



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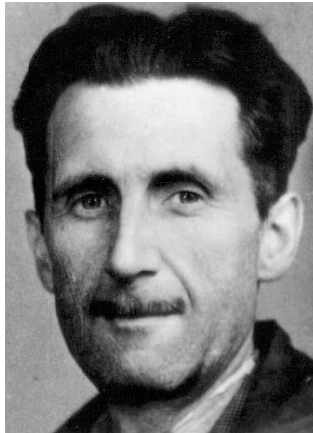
Socialism



- **Definition:** An economic system based on everyone getting the same things or exactly what they need.
- Money, food, resources, water, jobs, opportunity are all split equally.
- Concerned with what is good for the entire group.

George Orwell (the author)

- Born Eric Blair, 1903 in Bengal.
- Grew up poor.
- All his works were meant to educate/warn his reader
- Believed in Socialism, that everyone deserved a chance.
- Animal Farm was rejected for publication 4 times during WWII. Only afterward was it published.
- He always feared a government with too much power.



Problems arise – 1917 to 1926

Lenin dies in 1924.

No clear leader to take over,
but two contenders

Joseph Stalin

Believes in power, not
socialism



Alexander Trotsky

Believes in socialism, shared
power



Power Struggle

- Eventually, Stalin wins
 - He controls the army
 - He uses (controls) public opinion better
- Stalin exiles Trotsky from Russia and his henchmen assassinate Trotsky in Mexico City.



The Aftermath (1926-1939) (Totalitarianism)

- **Definition:** A form of government with a strong central rule that attempts to control individuals by buying loyalty and intimidating the rest.
- Instead of making people equal, Stalin became a new czar.
- Rights were restricted to keep order in the new government
 - the secret police enforced the rules
 - show trials and purges killed all that disagreed
- Stalin ruled by fear and intimidation.
- Poverty, suffering, and death replaced the dreams of the communist utopia.

Animal Farm

Making Sense of the Story

Key Vocabulary

- Fable / Fairy Tale
- Satire
- Irony
- Allegory

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Fable / Fairy Tale

- **Definition** – A story that presents a moral or lesson, often with imaginary or talking animals.
 - Ex: The Three Little Pigs
 - Ex: The Ugly Duckling
- **In Animal Farm:**
 - The morals are:
 - Ignorance is dangerous
 - All men should be equal
 - Power corrupts all those who have it
 - It is everyone's job to guard against those who wish to seize power
 - The winners always write the history books.

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Irony

- Definition – a subtle, unexpected inconsistency

- In *Animal Farm*:
 - Despite the ideals of the revolution, the animals are treated just as poorly, if not worse, than before the revolution

Satire

- Definition - A type of writing that makes fun of something in order to show the reader its weakness.

- In *Animal Farm*:
 - Orwell is trying to show the problems with Stalinism, but not Socialism (remember, he was a socialist)

Allegory

- **Definition** - a story where the setting and the characters stand in for real events (or possibly abstract ideas or moral qualities).

- **In Animal Farm:**
The story of Animal Farm is an allegory of what happened in Russia between 1917 – 1945.

Allegory (Cont)

- **In Animal Farm: (Just a few characters)**
 - Old Major = Lenin
 - Mr. Jones = the Russian Czars
 - Napoleon = Stalin
 - Snowball = Trotsky
 - Boxer and Clover = the Russian people who believed in the revolution

Unit Objectives

- Identify the irony between what the animals believe and what the reader knows is the truth
- State how this story functions as a fable, a satire, and an allegory
- Discuss how language is perverted / changed in society to serve political needs.