

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading assignment for 2020-21

Here is an overview for the Summer Reading assignment. All sophomore students (Standard, College Prep., Honors) are required to read *Animal Farm* and complete the packet. In addition, Honors students are required to write an essay based on the text. Summer is an opportune time to continue building upon the knowledge and skills acquired during the academic school year. This can be accomplished through independent reading. Furthermore, independent reading is of paramount importance if you are to develop into a life-long learner of enduring courage, passionate purpose, and deep connection to the world around you. Since we care about your ability to maintain and advance the intellectual skills honed over the school year as well as your development into a person of thought and character, here is your Summer Reading Assignment. In this Google Classroom you will find a link to the summer reading instructions, the assignment packet, a link to a PDF of *Animal Farm*, and a link to an audio recording of *Animal Farm* as well. The main learning objective is to trace and analyze the theme topic that power corrupts. If you are able to describe and detail the change in characters in this book, you will do well on the test.

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# Summer Reading for Entering 10th Grade

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DUE: First Day of School

## **Introduction**

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## **Assignment**

### **Part 1: The Reading: *Animal Farm***

The text you will be reading this Summer is George Orwell's allegorical novella, *Animal Farm*. The story mirrors the Soviet revolution that began in 1917 and is considered one of the most important novels of the 20th century. This book can be purchased, picked up from a library, or found online. A link to a PDF is listed on my website as well as an audio recording.

### **Part 2: The Packet**

The following six pages is a small packet that you will complete after reading specific chapters from the text. This packet will be due on the first day of class.

Chapter 1 -	Analyzing Major's Speech	Chapter 2 -	Characterization
Chapter 5 -	Snowball vs. Napoleon	Chapter 7 -	Characterization
Chapter 9 -	Compare and Contrast	Chapter 10 -	Understanding Irony

You will take an open book test on the novel in the first week of school

### **Part 3: Timed Writing (Honors Students Only)**

You will take a timed writing on how the book shows how power corrupts. This will be a separate assignment posted on Google Classroom.

If you have any questions email Mr. VanNortwick at [joshua.vannortwick@lfcsinc.org](mailto:joshua.vannortwick@lfcsinc.org) or make a comment on Google Classroom