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Guidelines

Essays 1 and 2 are both comparative essays. Make sure you use the structure of a comparative essay. Do NOT write all about Boxer, then all about Benjamin.

For each of these essays, use at least four points of comparison. You could include some of these :

Essay 1 : their working capacities, their faithfulness to the ideas of animalism, how they fight in the Battle of the Cowshed, their personal slogans, their intelligence, their relationship to each other.

Essay 2 : the philosophies behind the revolutions, how these principles are abandoned, events (wars, battles etc), individuals/types of animals/people, final outcomes.

For essay 3, write about at least four animals/types of animals that Napoleon makes use of (eg Squealer, sheep, dogs, Boxer, other pigs, cockerel etc).

Whichever essay you write, use quotations (words from Animal Farm itself) to illustrate your ideas. If you use a long quotation, set it out this way :

In his speech, Old Major explains to the animals that man does nothing for himself. Man only exploits animals and enjoys the fruits of the animals' work ;

‘Man is the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run fast enough to catch rabbits.’

Later, Old Major tells the animals that.....

Shorter quotations can be inserted within your sentences, like this :

Orwell tells us that Squealer is such a persuasive speaker that he can ‘turn black into white’. The pigs’ most loyal followers are Boxer and Clover who.....

The essay is for 30 points, divided like this :

Content : (knowledge, understanding, ideas, originality, use of quotations) 15pts

Language : (structure, organization of ideas, grammatical range and accuracy, vocab) 15pts

Points are LOST if you don't divide your paragraphs and/or don't use quotations.