**Animal Farm**

*Comparison of characters to Russian Revolution*

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| **Animal Farm** | **Russian Revolution** |
| **Mr. Jones** * irresponsible to his animals (lets them starve)
* sometimes cruel - beats them with whip
* sometimes kind - mixes milk in animal mash
 | **Czar Nicholas II** * a poor leader at best, compared to western kings
* cruel - sometimes brutal with opponents
* Sometimes kind - hired students as spies to make $
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| **Old Major** * taught Animalism
* workers do the work, rich keep the $, animals revolt
* dies before revolution
 | **Karl Marx** * invented Communism
* "workers of the world unite", take over gov't
* dies before Russian Revolution
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| **Animalism** * no owners, no rich, but no poor
* workers get a better life, all animals equal
* everyone owns the farm
 | **Communism** * same
* all people equal
* gov't owns everything, people own gov't
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| **Snowball** * young, smart, good speaker, idealistic
* really wants to make life better for all
* one of leaders of revolution
* chased away into exile by Napoleon's dogs
 | **Leon Trotsky** * other leader of "October Revolution"
* pure communist, followed Marx
* wanted to improve life for all in Russia
* chased away by Lenin's KGB (Lenin's secret police)
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| **Napoleon** * not a good speaker, not as clever like Snowball
* cruel, brutal, selfish, devious, corrupt
* his ambition is for power, killed opponents
* used dogs, moses, and Squealor to control animals
 | **Joseph Stalin** * not a good speaker, not educated like Trotsky
* same as Napoleon, didn't follow Marx's ideas
* cared for power, killed all that opposed him
* used KGB, allowed church, and propagandized
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| **Squealer** * big mouth, talks a lot
* convinces animals to believe and follow Napoleon
* Changes and manipulates the commandments
 | **Propaganda department of Lenin's government** * worked for Stalin to support his image
* used any lie to convince the people to follow Stalin
* benefited from the fact that education was controlled
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| **The Dogs** * a private army that used fear to force animals to work
* killed or intimidated any opponent of Napoleon
* another part of Napoleon's strategy to control animals
 | **KGB - Secret Police** * not really police, but forced support for Stalin
* used force, often killed entire families for disobedience
* totally loyal, part of Lenin's power, even over army
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| **Moses the Raven** * tells animals about SugarCandy mountain - Heaven
* animals can go there if they work hard
* Snowball and Major were against him
* they though Heaven was a lie to make animals work
* Napoleon let him stay because he taught animals to
* work and not complain
 | **Religion** * Marx said "Opiate of the people" a lie
* used to make people not complain and do their work
* Religion was tolerared because people would work
* Stalin knew religion would stop violent revolutions
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| **Mollie** * was vain - loved her beauty and self
* didn't think about the animal farm
* went with anyone who gave her what she wanted
 | **Vain, selfish people in Russia and world** * some people didn't care about revolution
* only though about themselves
* went to other countries that offered more for them
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| **Boxer** * strong, hard working horse, believes in Animal Farm
* "Napoleon is always right", "I must work harder"
* gives his all, is betrayed by Napoleon, who sells him
 | **Dedicated, but tricked communist supporters** * people believed Stalin because he was "Communist"
* many stayed loyal after it was obvious Stalin a tyrant
* betrayed by Stalin who ignored and killed them
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| **Benjamin** * old, wise donkey who is suspicious of revolution
* thinks "nothing ever changes", is right
* his suspicions are true, about Boxer and sign changes
 | **Skeptical people in Russia and outside Russia** * weren't sure revolution would change anything
* realized that a crazy leader can call himself communist
* knew that communism wouldn't work with power
* hungry leaders
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| **Overall details about revolution** * it was supposed to make life better for all
* life was worse at the end
* The leaders became the same as, or worse than,
* the other farmers (humans) they rebelled against
 | **Overall details of Russian Revolution** * supposed to fix problems from Czar
* life was even worse long after revolution
* Stalin made Czar look like a nice guy
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