**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 $ |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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) |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |