


Capitalists out!

Revolution!

Four legs good
Two legs bad!

Remove Man!




Animalism Rules!

Rebellion!

Down with Humans!

Out with the old
in with the new!

Animal Farm



Animal Farm
1945


History consists of a series of swindles, in which the masses are first lured into revolt by the promise of Utopia, and then, when they have done their job, enslaved again by their new masters.

G.Orwell




George Orwell 1903-1950
(Eric Arthur Blair)

...the history of a revolution that went wrong – and of the excellent excuses that were forthcoming at every step for the perversion of the original doctrine.

SAMPLE SLIDES

Animalism

THE SEVEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy.
2. Whatever goes upon four legs, or has wings, is a friend.
3. No animal shall wear clothes.
4. No animal shall sleep in a bed.
5. No animal shall drink alcohol.
6. No animal shall kill any other animal.
7. All animals are equal.

Getting the right message





Discussion of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* in relation to ideas, events and persons associated with the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the subsequent period of Stalinist rule. Parallels are drawn between Orwell's book and the various facts and fictions that characterize 20th Century Soviet history. The use of physical and psychological pressure, the malleability of doctrines, the revising of historical narratives, the creation of martyrs and scapegoats, administrative corruption and the cult of the leader are all considered.