

# Grade 9 Summer Reading

Over the summer, you will read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. As you read *Animal Farm*, you will complete a brief analysis of various quotes from the novel. I have provided the template and would like you to write directly on these pages. **This assignment will be collected the first day back to school, and we will work with the novel over the first few weeks. There will be a comprehension quiz on the novel the first Friday we are back, so come prepared.**

## Required for each quote:

1. Identify the character who says this quote.
2. Paraphrase (summarize in your own words)
3. Analyze (examine the significance of quote)

Below is the rubric for how to receive full credit on both the reading quizzes & the final graded packet.

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- ◆ 2-3 complete sentences.
- ◆ At least two specific details or relevant examples support analysis.
- ◆ Response reflects understanding beyond plot points. Analysis includes connections to “big picture” ideas such as theme and symbolism.

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- ◆ 2-3 complete sentences.
- ◆ At least two specific details or relevant examples support response.

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- ◆ 2-3 complete sentences.
- ◆ Response reflects a generally correct idea.

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- ◆ Response given implies that student either did not read or did not understand assigned text.

Exemplar Response:

Chapter 3

“ I knew that it meant "happy," like when I'm reading about the Apollo space missions, or when I am still awake at three or four in the morning and I can walk up and down the street and pretend that I am the only person in the world. ”

**Identify:** Christopher (narrator)

**Paraphrase:** The smiley face image represents the feeling “happy.” Christopher experiences happiness when he is immersed in topics he likes such as space exploration or when he is alone and independent.

**Analysis:** The fact that Christopher needs visual representations of emotions is a key sign of his autism. This passage also reveals one of Christopher’s passions which is space and is closely linked to his dreams for the future as he wants to be an astronaut. While not usual for an introvert to enjoy being alone, Christopher’s description of walking around at 3 or 4am does not sound like a typical pastime and in fact may be dangerous. However, with no one else on the street, he must feel free from the pressures of social interaction and from decoding the feelings he doesn’t understand. Unfortunately for Christopher, there may be a constant conflict between his search for happiness and the demands of daily life.

Chapter 2: “Can you not understand that liberty is worth more than just ribbons?”

Speaker:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

Chapter 5: “No one believes more firmly than Comrade Napoleon that all animals are equal. He would be only too happy to let you make your decisions for yourselves. But sometimes you might make the wrong decisions, comrades, and then where should we be?”

Speaker:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

Chapter 10: “Twelve voices were shouting in anger, and they were all alike. No question, now, what had happened to the faces of the pigs. The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was impossible to say which was which.”

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

Chapter 3: “The distinguishing mark of man is the *hand*, the instrument with which he does all his mischief.”

Speaker:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

Chapter 5: “Surely, comrades, you don't want Jones back?”

Speaker:

Paraphrase:

Analysis:

Chapter 5: “Several of them would have protested if they could have found the right arguments.”

Paraphrase:

Analysis: