

**Accelerated English I  
Summer Reading Assignments  
New Albany High School  
2018-19**

**TEXT:**

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell

Link to e-book: <https://www.openrightslibrary.com/animal-farm-ebook/>

**MATERIALS:**

One folder with brads Handwritten assignments: loose leaf notebook paper; pencil or blue or black ink only Typed assignments: white paper, black ink.

**FORMATTING:**

- Assignment folder should be clearly labeled with the student's name and the name of the novel in the center of the folder cover (underlined).
- Each assignment should have a heading beginning on the first line of the top left-hand corner. The heading should include the student's name, the name of the novel (underlined), and the assignment number.
- Assignments may be handwritten in pencil or blue or black ink or typed. Typed assignments should be double-spaced, have 1-inch margins, and use 12-point Times New Roman font. Please write all parts of each assignment in complete sentences.
- Begin each of the assignments on a new page. Neatness and organization do count as part of your grade.

**GRADE VALUE:**

The summer assignment counts as a 120-point major grade.

The assignment is **due the second day of the course**; your grade will drop a letter grade for each day the assignment is late. Also, a test will be given on the novel during the first weeks of school.

Students should thoroughly read the book, not just one of the many summaries that are widely available.

Students should do their own work on the summer assignments. Copying the work of other students or material that is available on the internet is considered plagiarism and will result in a grade of zero.

Students may discuss the novel with classmates but should not work in groups to complete the assignments. One purpose of the summer assignments is for the teacher to get a sense of each student's personal voice and writing style.

Students should use their best organizational and writing skills and proofread carefully for grammatical errors. Be sure to follow all instructions.

### **Assignments for Animal Farm:**

1. (10 Points) **AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY** Research George Orwell, the author of *Animal Farm*. In two concise, well-organized, and well-supported paragraphs, discuss how Orwell's background and political views influenced his writing. Be sure to summarize this information in your own words and not to copy directly from the source. Cite the source used for your research.

2. (80 Points) **CARICATURES** A caricature is a distorted (exaggerated) artistic representation of people or characters to produce a ridiculous effect. Caricatures often distort physical features to represent personality traits. They may criticize character weaknesses or emphasize character strengths.

On two separate poster boards, draw caricatures of TWO characters in *Animal Farm*. Exaggerate notable physical features (make them too large or small) to emphasize a physical or personality trait.

Your poster caricatures should include the following:

- Character's Name in Bold Letters - Centered
- Large (life-size) drawing of character – outlined and colored
- Evidence of exaggerated features that reflect personal habits or traits
- "Speech Bubble" with a character's thoughts...but NOT a direct quote.
- Three direct quotes with explanations from the novel for each character --These quotes and explanations should be typed on a sheet of paper with proper punctuation and citation of author and page number. Attach these quotes to the back of your poster.

### **Example:**

"It is Mr. Haha Jones himself! And he is a giant; he does have scars; he doesn't smile. No, he glowers at us with Satan-tilted eyes..." (Capote 67).

Explanation: As a "giant" with "scars" that stares with evil eyes, Mr. Haha Jones is both frightening and intimidating.

--These quotes can reveal either physical or personality traits about your character and may directly state a trait or suggest one by the character's attitudes and actions.

--Quotes can be words spoken by the character, descriptions given by other characters, or narration given by the author that describes your characters.

Be prepared to give an oral presentation of your caricatures in front of the class. Your presentation will include sharing your interpretation of your caricatures as well as the quotes you have chosen.

3. (30 Points) **ESSAY** An allegory is a story in which characters and settings stand for abstract ideas or moral qualities. Research the Russian Revolution by going to the following website:

<http://www.history.com/topics/russian-revolution>

Write a five-paragraph essay that includes an explanation of the Russian Revolution and how it is reflected through both the characters and events of *Animal Farm*. You should include an introduction with a claim (thesis statement), three body paragraphs that begin with clear, concise topic sentences, and a conclusion.