

## KCS Middle School Outside Reading 2018-2019

“Animal Farm” by George Orwell

Each student must complete both parts of the assignment: an essay and answer the three given questions.

- I. After the students read the novel, they will write a three-paragraph essay (each paragraph must consist of at least 5 sentences) based on ONE of the following prompts:**
- a) One of the themes of the novel is based on the idea that people’s ignorance can contribute to their political and social oppression. How does the animals’ behavior in the novel support this theme?
  - b) In the novel, the pigs became the leaders of the group, and the other animals accept them because the pigs are the smartest. In your opinion, why should OR shouldn’t intelligence be the primary qualification for leadership? What other qualities are important for a leader to have?
- II. The students will also answer (handwrite the answers in each given box) the three questions:**
- a) explain three significant quotes from the novel- include speaker
  - b) identify and internal and an external conflict
  - c) give your opinion on the novel - please include its literary merit, purpose, author’s style, compare it to other novels you have read, etc.

The students’ answers must contain **ONLY SHORT** phrases as quoted textual evidence!

**The essay will receive a test grade. Each short answer in the box is worth 8 points. The assignment is due on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**

**Please note, the novel will be discussed in English classes during the first quarter.**

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Please scroll down to find the boxes pertaining to the second part of the assignment.

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**Author: George Orwell**

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Identify and internal and an external conflict and give textual evidence

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