

Collaboration Day Work – *Animal Farm*, Year 8

allegory: a story that contains a parallel moral or political meaning.

Animal Farm is an **allegory** for the Russian Revolution, and you can match the plot and characters in the story to the real life people and events during the Russian Revolution.

Task 1 – Russian Revolution Research

Create an A4 page of research on the Russian Revolution including information on the following items:

- Tsar Nicholas I – who he was; what happened to him; his death;
- The Bolsheviks – who they were; what they believed; what they did etc.;
- Any other information you can find out about the Russian Revolution.

Challenge

As a challenge, can you link any of the real life people to any of the characters in the novella, *Animal Farm*?

Task 2 – Persuasive Writing

Plan and write a persuasive speech in which you attempt to convince your fellow students that young people should have more power over their schools and local communities. Aim for 250 words.

Techniques to use:

- ✓ Direct address to the reader
- ✓ Rhetorical questions
- ✓ Pronouns (you / we)
- ✓ Repetition / Rule of 3
- ✓ Lists
- ✓ Metaphor / simile
- ✓ Hyperbole (deliberate exaggeration)
- ✓ Anecdote (a personal experience to highlight a point)

Example Opening:

*Friends. Isn't it time **we** stood up and sent a powerful message to those hidden faces running **our** youthful lives? Think about your local community. Where are the quality sports fields? Where are the gaming clubs? Where are the fun school trips? **You** all know this, even if you have not consciously thought it: **we** should be the ones making the decisions that affect our lives. (66 words)*