*Animal Farm* Characters and Allegories

**Mr. Jones**
-owns the Manor Farm
-is a drunkard who mismanages his farm
-represents the last Czar of Russia, Nicholas II

**Old Major**
-is a wise and benevolent prize boar who is highly respected by the animals
-is a visionary dreamer and philosopher who dies three days after revealing his dream
-represents Marx and Lenin

**Snowball**
-is a great planner and organizer who speaks well
-perceived to lack character
-tries to implement old Major’s ideas
-represents Trotsky

**Napoleon**
-is a large, fierce-looking boar
-is not a talker but is used to getting his own way
-is considered by the others to have depth of character
-is secretive, ruthless, and cunning
-represents Stalin

**Sqealer**
-is a small, fat pig with twinkling eyes and round cheeks, who moves nimbly and has a shrill voice
-is a brilliant and persuasive talker
-is Napoleon’s spokesman and propagandist Laverenti Bera

**Boxer**
-is a tall, strong cart horse
-is loyal and hard-working
-is well-meaning but not very intelligent
-coins the slogans “I will work harder” and “If Comrade Napoleon says it, it must be right”
-represents no specific person but represents the uneducated working class

**Benjamin**
-is a donkey who is the worst-tempered and the oldest animal on the farm
-is a loner who keeps his opinions to himself and is skeptical of change but is devoted to Boxer
-never laughs
-is a hard worker who never shirks his duties but never volunteers or sacrifices
-knows how to read but says there is nothing worth reading

**Clover**
-is a hard-working but unintelligent mare
-is loving and maternal toward the other animals
-is the only animal whose thoughts are revealed
- represents no specific person but resembles the uneducated working class

**Muriel**
-is a white goat and a good reader
- represents the educated working class who do only what is expected of them

**Moses**
-is a raven and Mr. Jones’ pet
-flees with Jones but is later welcomed back by the pigs
-is given beer by the pigs, even though he does not work
-soothes the animals with his story of Sugarcandy Mountain
-represents the Russian Orthodox Church and religious institutions in general (Rasputin)

**Minimus**
-is a pig who composes songs and poems honoring Napoleon
-represents poets or song writers who glorify a particular ruler or political party (promotes propaganda)

**The Sheep**
-bleat whatever slogan they are taught by the pigs
- represent the mindless, unthinking, loyal citizens who follow blindly

**Mollie**
-is a vain white mare who enjoys pretty ribbons, sugar, and human attention
-is the only animal to leave the farm willingly
-may symbolize the” White” Russians who opposed the Red Army during the civil war

**Mr. Pilkington**
-owns the neighboring Foxwood farm
-spends too much time fishing and hunting to run his farm efficiently
-represents England and the Allies

**Mr. Frederick**
-owns the neighboring Pinchfield farm
-cheats Napoleon and leads a disastrous attack on the farm
-represents Germany

**Mr. Whymper**
-is a lawyer who serves as an intermediary between Napoleon and the outside world
-is sly and self-serving
- represents opportunists