*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