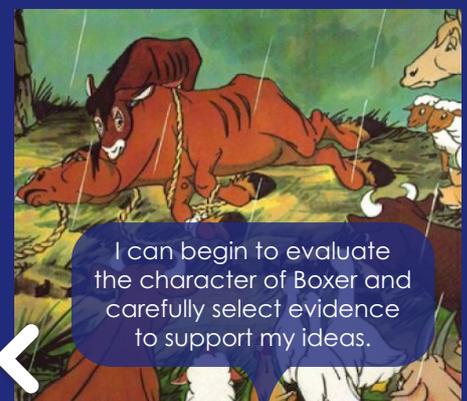
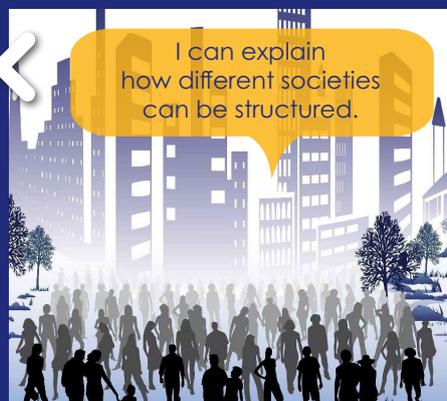
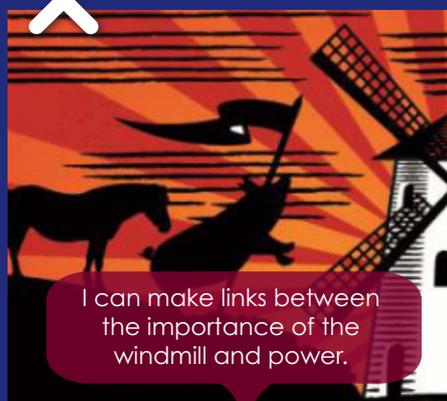
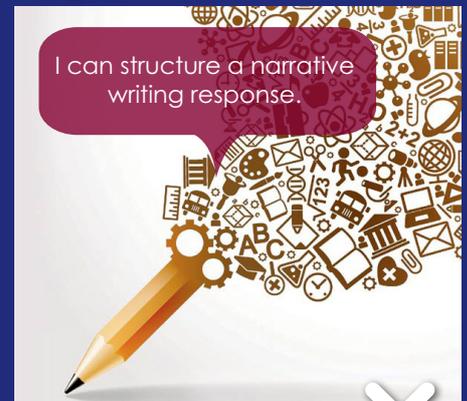
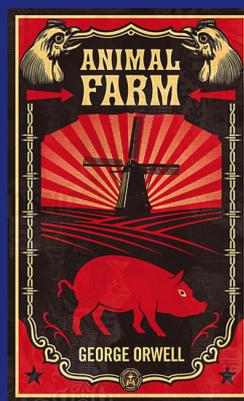
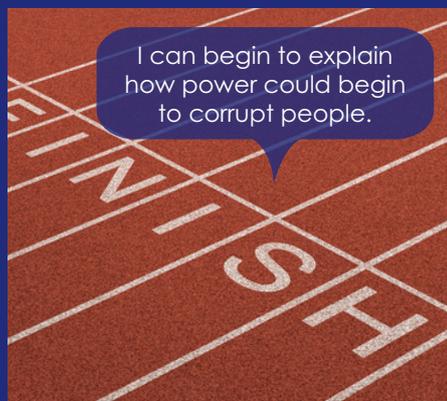
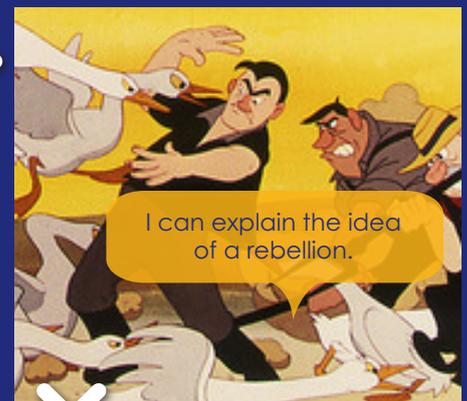
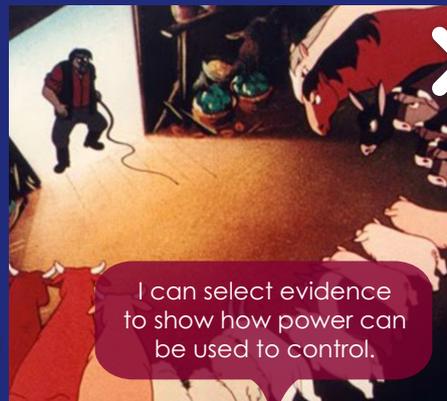
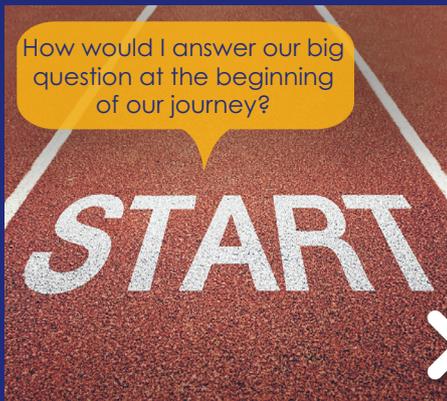


# Animal Farm – Learning Journey

THE BIG QUESTION:  
HOW CAN POWER CORRUPT?



**Close reading** is thoughtful, analysis of a text that focuses on significant details or patterns in order to develop a deep, precise understanding of craft and meaning in **Animal Farm**.

I can read a resistant text which explores complex themes.

I can select evidence to show how power can be used to control.

I can explain the idea of a rebellion.

I can structure a narrative writing response.

I can begin to evaluate the character of Boxer and carefully select evidence to support my ideas.

I can begin to explain how power corrupts.

I can make links between the importance of the windmill and power.

I can explain how different societies can be structured.

## How can power corrupt?

# Animal Farm

by George Orwell

### CONTEXT

Written in 1945, 'Animal Farm' is an allegory of the Russian Revolutions which rocked Russia and the world. Over the next 30 years the Soviet government manipulated socialist ideas to create equality among the working class and oppress its people to maintain power. Many of the animal characters in 'Animal Farm' have direct similarities to key people in the Soviet Union.

### BIG QUESTION

How can power corrupt?

CHARACTER	CHARACTERISTIC	SYNONYMS
Old Major	<b>Persuasive</b>	convincing / compelling / influential / compelling
Napoleon	<b>Selfish</b>	self-centred / obsessed / self-absorbed / thoughtless
Snowball	<b>Clever</b>	intelligent / perceptive / intuitive / sharp
Boxer	<b>Hardworking</b>	diligent / keen / studious / tireless

### KEY QUOTES FOR UNDERSTANDING THE STORY

*"All animals are EQUAL, but some animals are more equal than others."*

*"The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was IMPOSSIBLE to say which was which."*

*"This work was strictly VOLUNTARY, but any animal who absented himself from it would have his rations reduced by half."*

*"Let's face it: our lives are MISERABLE, laborious, and short."*

### KEY WORDS

**Commandment** – a rule to be strictly observed.

**Equality** – the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.

**Windmill** – a building with sails or vanes that turn in the wind and generate power to grind corn into flour.

**Rebellion** – the action or process of resisting authority, control, or convention.