

## AP World History Summer Work

**Read:** *Animal Farm*, George Orwell and Novel Analysis - which can be found at [www.novelguide.com/animalfarm](http://www.novelguide.com/animalfarm)

\*The book can be picked up in room 503 or in the counseling center. \*It can also be found for e-readers and smart phones at most sights (Amazon, Barnes and Noble etc.)

\*Answer the following questions and be prepared to discuss them in class during the first full week of school. The questions will count as part of the first grades of the course.

1. *Animal Farm* offers a judgment about the corrupting nature of power. Lord Acton phrased the same judgment this way: "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." Do you think this is true? In what ways might the pigs have handled power better?

2. Benjamin, the donkey insists throughout the novel that life will always be the same that nothing ever really changes. Can you think of individuals who have made significant changes for the better? Or is human nature such that all changes are merely superficial?

3. One of the most poignant features of *Animal Farm* is the role of various animals as victims. Do you think they were willing victims? Why are people sometimes willing to be victimized? Is it easier than protesting or changing their environment? Can you recall any time you were unjustly placed in the wrong and remained silent because it was

4. How would a happy ending for *Animal Farm* destroy the impact of the novel?

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**Watch:** All are on YouTube

\*"Guns, Germs, and Steel" by: Jared Diamond (viewing time - 147minutes)

\*Crash Course World History (with John Greene)...identified by numbers as to which episode you should watch...all episodes are 10 to 13 minutes long so plan accordingly.

Numbers: 1, 2, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 222

\*The first full week of school we will be addressing the summer work and you will receive assignments that will use the material that was covered.