



## **BOXER**

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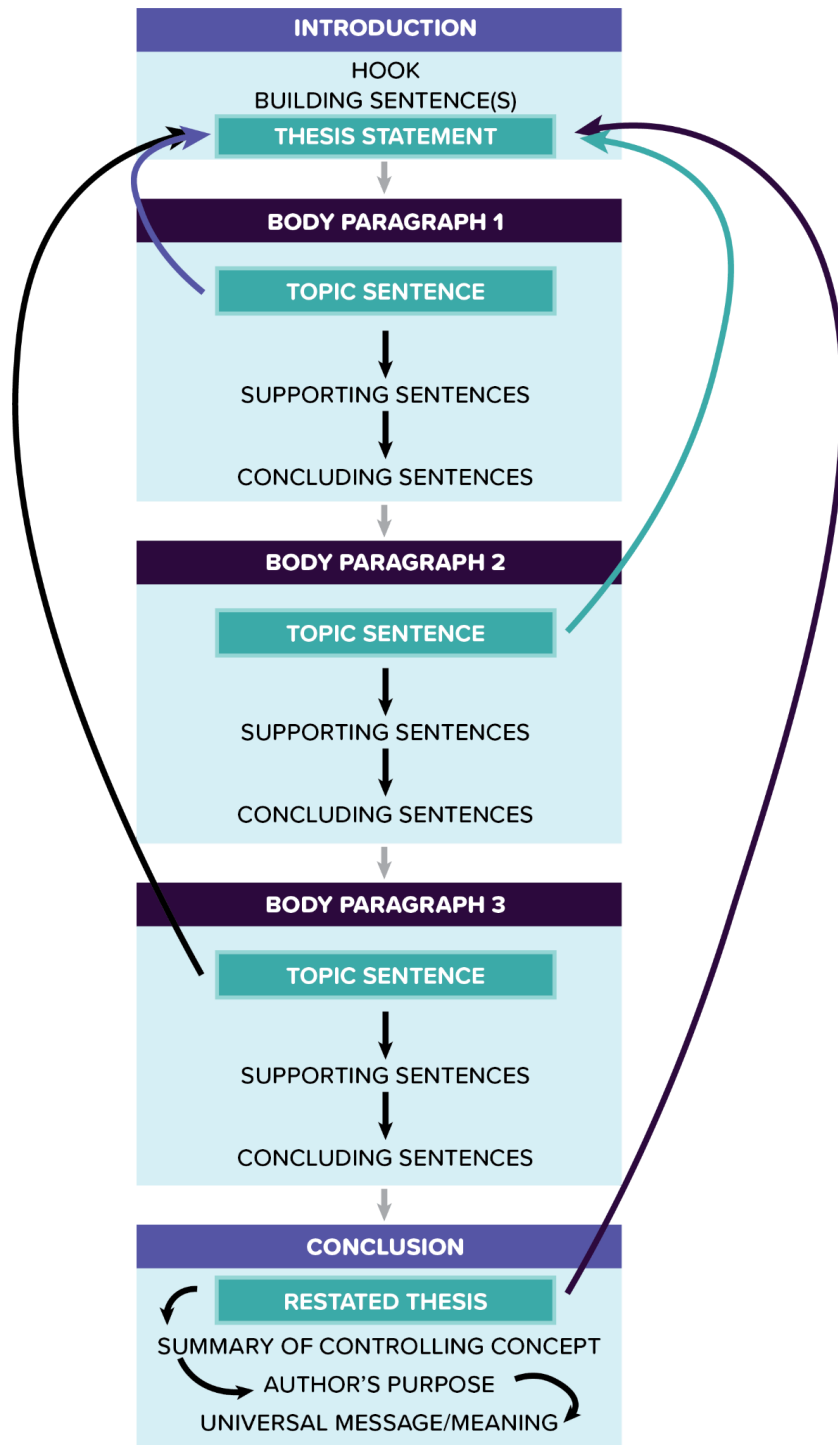
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## 100% ESSAY STRUCTURE OVERVIEW







## ESSAY PLAN

### 1. Introduction

- Background: Orwell's disillusionment with the Russian Revolution and the Spanish Civil War
- Central argument: Boxer as a symbol of the Soviet working class, highlighting the perils of blind loyalty and the need for holding leaders accountable

### Body

#### 2. a. Boxer's character: physically strong, loyal, intellectually limited

- Orwell's use of slogans to show Boxer's inability to think independently
- Emotional response from readers
- Connection to real-life historical figures (e.g. Alexei Stakhanov)

#### 3. b. Boxer's declining health as a symbol of the degeneration of Animalism

- Chapter 5: diminished rations and pigs' growing power
- Boxer's final journey in the knacker's van
- Connection to real-life treachery perpetrated by Stalin against Soviet workers

#### 4. c. Boxer's tragic demise in Chapter 9: consequences of unwavering loyalty

- Napoleon's betrayal and exploitation of Boxer
- Irony of Boxer's situation
- Cautionary tale against the dangers of trusting authoritarian leadership without question

### 5. Conclusion

- Restate central argument
- Analysis of 'Animal Farm' reveals Orwell's message about the importance of questioning loyalty and holding leaders accountable
- Wider implications: warning against totalitarianism, corruption of power, and the need for critical thinking and vigilance in the face of oppressive leadership





## STEP 1: OUTLINING - Complete Your 100% Essay Outline

Criteria	Status	INTRODUCTION - Do not make this too detailed.
<u>Hook AO1</u>  fact/statistic ▾	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	In 'Animal Farm,' Orwell expresses his disillusionment with two significant revolutions: the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s.
<u>Building sentence(s) AO3</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> counter-argument OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> some contextual info	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Having personally experienced the latter, he was deeply affected by the cynical betrayal of ideals during that conflict. This experience, combined with his analysis and comprehension of the Russian Revolution, serves as the foundation for 'Animal Farm.' Consequently, the character of Boxer embodies the loyal, hard-working proletariat who supported the Russian Revolution, only to be betrayed by the very leaders they put in power.
<u>Thesis statement AO1</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> key-idea-1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> key-idea-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> key-idea-3	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	In this essay, we will explore Orwell's depiction of Boxer's tragic fate in 'Animal Farm' and analyse how the author crafts Boxer as a symbol of the Soviet working class, who suffer exploitation and betrayal under Stalin's rule, ultimately highlighting the perils of unquestioning loyalty and the necessity of holding leaders responsible for their actions.
Criteria	Status	BODY PARAGRAPH 1 - only focus on KEY IDEA #1
<u>WHAT? Topic sentence AO1</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> key-idea-1	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Boxer is portrayed as a physically strong, unwaveringly loyal, and intellectually limited character, emblematic of the unthinking dedication of the working class to the communist cause.
<u>HOW? Supporting sentences AO2</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> terminology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> evidence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> close-analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effects*	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	His limited intellectual capacity and blind allegiance to the pigs render him highly susceptible to manipulation. Orwell masterfully employs repetitive slogans such as 'I will work harder' and 'Napoleon is always right' to underscore Boxer's inability to engage in independent thinking and to question Napoleon's authority. Consequently, readers experience a complex mixture of emotions, including pity for Boxer, who falls prey to the pigs' machinations due to his simplicity, and indignation towards the pigs, who unscrupulously exploit his loyalty for their personal benefit. Orwell's decision to use the fable format for his narrative enables readers to draw parallels between the fictional characters in the story and their real-life historical counterparts.





		One such parallel can be drawn between Boxer and Alexei Stakhanov, the Soviet miner celebrated for his incredible work ethic but whose accomplishments led to the exploitation of his fellow workers.
<p><a href="#">WHY? Concluding sentence(s) AO2/AO3</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> author's purpose</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (final thought / context about the key idea)</p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	By making these connections, readers gain a deeper understanding of the allegorical significance of Boxer's character and the broader implications of the story for the real-world context of Soviet communism.
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>BODY PARAGRAPH 2 - only focus on KEY IDEA #2</b>
<p><a href="#">WHAT? Topic sentence AO1</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> key idea 2</p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	As the narrative unfolds, the gradual decline in Boxer's health serves as a symbolic representation of the degeneration of Animalism's principles and the escalating corruption within the governing regime.
<p><a href="#">HOW? Supporting sentences AO2</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> terminology</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> evidence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> close analysis</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effects<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	In Chapter 5, Orwell draws attention to the diminished food rations for the animals alongside the pigs' growing power and influence, accentuating the widening chasm between social classes on the farm. As the narrator states, 'All orders were now issued through Squealer or one of the other pigs', highlighting the increasing dominance of the pigs over the other animals. The harrowing account of Boxer's final journey in the knacker's van elicits potent emotions of fury and grief in readers, as they bear witness to the appalling betrayal of the steadfast worker by the very leaders he tirelessly served and trusted. Upon realising Boxer's fate, Clover implores the other animals, "Boxer!...Get out! Get out quickly! They're taking you to your death!". Despite her desperate pleas, Boxer's loyalty to the cause and his trust in the leadership have left him powerless to escape the tragic outcome orchestrated by those he had served. The allegorical nature of Orwell's novel enables him to deliver a scathing critique of the real-life treachery perpetrated by Stalin against the Soviet workers, who were callously exploited for their loyalty and sacrifices. Despite their unwavering commitment to the communist cause, these workers ultimately found themselves betrayed by the leadership, which corrupted the foundational ideals of communism for personal gain. By illustrating Boxer's tragic fate, Orwell drives home the profound injustice inflicted





		upon countless Soviet workers, whose faith in their leaders was repaid with deception and exploitation.
<p><a href="#">WHY? Concluding sentence(s) AO2/AO3</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> author's purpose</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (final thought / context about the key idea)</p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	The novel poignantly underscores this betrayal as Squealer coldly justifies Boxer's fate, asserting, "The truest happiness...lay in working hard and living frugally", even while the pigs secretly benefit from the other animals' labor.
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>BODY PARAGRAPH 3 - only focus on KEY IDEA #3</b>
<p><a href="#">WHAT? Topic sentence AO1</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> key-idea-3</p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	Boxer's tragic demise in Chapter 9 stands as a poignant testament to the dire repercussions of unwavering loyalty and the failure to hold those in power accountable for their actions.
<p><a href="#">HOW? Supporting sentences AO2</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> terminology</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> evidence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> close-analysis</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> effects*</p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	Despite his unyielding dedication to the cause, Boxer remains oblivious to the totalitarian society he has inadvertently helped establish through his unquestioning obedience to the pigs. His fate is sealed when Napoleon coldly asserts, "Send [Boxer] to the knacker's. A horse's lungs do not last forever", highlighting the ruthless betrayal to which Boxer falls victim. The irony of Boxer's situation – having sacrificed his strength for the pigs, only for them to ultimately sacrifice him for their own benefit – emerges as a powerful indictment of the Soviet regime's systemic exploitation of its workers. In a heartrending scene, as the knacker's van takes Boxer away, Benjamin reads aloud the van's inscription, "Alfred Simmonds, Horse Slaughterer and Glue Boiler, Willingdon. Dealer in Hides and Bone-Meal. Kennels Supplied". This revelation underscores the cruel betrayal Boxer suffers at the hands of the very leaders he served with unwavering loyalty. Readers are left with a profound sense of indignation at the injustice inflicted upon Boxer, alongside a deeper comprehension of the perils associated with blind loyalty. Orwell's portrayal of Boxer's tragic fate serves as a cautionary tale against the dangers of placing one's trust in authoritarian leadership without question.
<p><a href="#">WHY? Concluding sentence(s) AO2/AO3</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> author's purpose</p>	<p>Complete ▾</p> <p>(only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)</p>	In the aftermath of Boxer's death, the farm's remaining animals are left with a chilling reminder of the potential consequences of their own unquestioning obedience, as they continue to serve under Napoleon's oppressive rule.





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Criteria	Status	CONCLUSION - <u>CRUCIAL!</u>
<u>Restated thesis AO1</u>  (Re-write your thesis statement in different words.)	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	In conclusion, an analysis of Orwell's 'Animal Farm' has revealed how the author effectively conveys Boxer's tragic fate, skillfully employing the character as an allegory for the Soviet working class who endured exploitation and betrayal under Stalin's regime, ultimately emphasising the critical importance of questioning loyalty and holding those in power accountable for their actions.
<u>Summary of controlling concept AO1</u>  How does your thesis link to the central theme of the text?	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	'Animal Farm' suggests that revolution is not the answer to problems of hunger, hardship, and disappointment, as different types of revolutionary leadership share a common root: personal ambition or the desire for power in one form or another.
<u>Summary of author's central purpose AO1/AO3</u>  How does the controlling concept reflect the MAIN reason that the author wrote the text?	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Therefore, Orwell's fable can be seen as a warning against the dangers of totalitarianism, the corruption of power, and the importance of maintaining critical thinking and vigilance in the face of oppressive leadership.
<u>Universal message AO1</u>  (What is the MAIN message of the text? Focus on the end.)	Complete ▾  (only mark complete when steps 1-5 are ALL complete)	Through its allegorical representation of the Soviet Union under Stalin, the novel emphasises that seemingly noble ideals can be corrupted by those who seek power and control, leading to the suffering and exploitation of the masses.

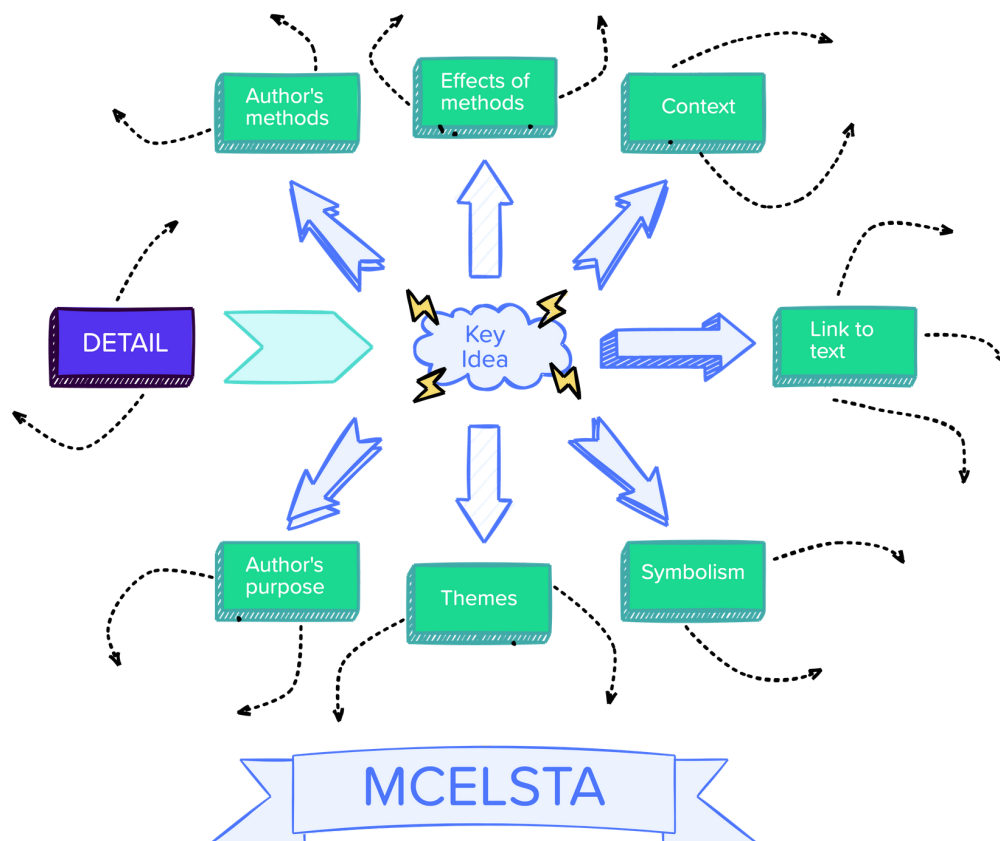




## STEP 2: ADDING DETAIL-Complete the *TTECEA* Checklist for Detail

1. To achieve a grade 9 level of detail, ensure that you link your key idea in each of your body paragraphs to as many of the elements of the *TTECEA* mnemonic as possible (aim to write about 650-950 words maximum for the entire essay)
2. You do not need to have each of the *TTECEA* elements in each paragraph, but make sure you have all of them in the entirety of your essay.
3. Each item on the checklist should only have 2 main purposes:
  - a. **to link to your key idea in each paragraph**
  - b. **and support your argument.**

- ☒ **TOPIC SENTENCE:** Introduce the key idea of your body paragraph.
- ☐ **TECHNIQUE:** Select a key technique the author uses (one you can explore in detail, eg, metaphor, simile, etc).
- ☒ **EVIDENCE:** EMBED a quote to back up your ideas.
- ☐ **CLOSE ANALYSIS:** Break the technique into smaller pieces, zoom in and analyse them PERCEPTIVELY.
- ☐ **EFFECTS ON THE READER\*:** Explore what the author's method makes us focus on, feel (emotionally) or think.
- ☒ **AUTHOR'S PURPOSE:** Explore why they might want to make us feel a certain way about certain ideas.





## STEP 3: REVISING - Revise Your Essay

Ensure you have revised the following aspects of your essay:





- ☒ Removed/replaced ALL redundant repetition.
- ☒ Replaced ALL instances of the word 'shows' with more accurate and specific verbs for inferring effects of the author's methods (check toolkit).
- ☒ Revised essay for coherence: are the ideas in each of the paragraphs clearly connected to each other?
- ☒ Revised essay for cohesion: check the toolkit for help.
- ☒ Removed all instances of the following words and replace them with specific details of the topics you are exploring:
  - How
  - Shows
  - Some
  - Something
  - Thing
  - This
  - Way
  - What
- ☒ Your vocabulary is academic – no informal language unless quoting directly.
- ☒ Revised essay for clarity – is your essay easy to read? Ask a peer to read it and give you feedback.





## STEP 4: EDITING - Edit Your Essay

Ensure you have edited the following aspects of spelling, punctuation, and grammar:

- ☒ All words are spelt correctly.
- ☒ All sentences and names begin with a capital see guidelines below 
- ☒ All sentences end with a full stop.
- ☒  No sentences are separated with a comma  
- ☒ I used a comma before and after the following words or phrases:
  - for example,
  - however
- ☒ I have used ellipses to indicate missing words in quotes.
- ☒ I have used at least one semicolon to separate or join closely related sentences:
  - The language paper focuses on various forms of writing; the literature paper focuses primarily on academic essay writing.
  - There are five keys to a grade 9 essay: structure, conceptualisation, context, detail, and convincing evidence.
- ☒ I have used a colon to introduce a quote, phrase, word, etc.

### HOW TO REMEMBER CAPITALS - **ABLE PRINTS**:

- **Abbreviations: U.K., USA, UAE**
- **Beginnings of sentences: Nobody** saw it coming.
- **Languages: French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic,**
- **Emphasis - I LOVE CHEESE!** (avoid this)
  
- **Places: Africa, Mecca, London, Zimbabwe**
- **Religions and words related to them: Islam/Muslim, Christianity/Christian, Judaism/Jewish, Hinduism/Hindu**
- **I, as in me**
- **Names (specific) of people, places, businesses, e.g., Shakespeare, Apple, London.**
- **Titles of books, movies, or programmes, e.g., The Lion King, Macbeth,**
- **Special days: Eid, Christmas, Diwali**

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## **STEP 5: COMPLETE - Put Your Essay Together as One Complete Piece**

In 'Animal Farm,' Orwell expresses his disillusionment with two significant revolutions: the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s. Having personally experienced the latter, he was deeply affected by the cynical betrayal of ideals during that conflict. This experience, combined with his analysis and comprehension of the Russian Revolution, serves as the foundation for 'Animal Farm.' Consequently, the character of Boxer embodies the loyal, hard-working proletariat who supported the Russian Revolution, only to be betrayed by the very leaders they put in power. In this essay, we will explore Orwell's depiction of Boxer's tragic fate in 'Animal Farm' and analyse how the author crafts Boxer as a symbol of the Soviet working class, who suffer exploitation and betrayal under Stalin's rule, ultimately highlighting the perils of unquestioning loyalty and the necessity of holding leaders responsible for their actions.

Boxer is portrayed as a physically strong, unwaveringly loyal, and intellectually limited character, which is emblematic of the unthinking dedication of the working class to the communist cause. Due to his limited intellectual capacity and blind allegiance to the pigs, he becomes highly susceptible to manipulation. In this context, Orwell masterfully employs repetitive slogans such as 'I will work harder' and 'Napoleon is always right' in order to underscore Boxer's inability to engage in independent thinking and to question Napoleon's authority. As a result, readers experience a complex mixture of emotions, including pity for Boxer, who falls prey to the pigs' machinations due to his simplicity, and indignation towards the pigs, who unscrupulously exploit his loyalty for their personal benefit. Moreover, Orwell's decision to use the fable format for his narrative enables readers to draw parallels between the fictional characters in the story and their real-life historical counterparts. For instance, one such parallel can be drawn between Boxer and Alexei Stakhanov, the Soviet miner celebrated for his incredible work ethic but whose accomplishments led to the exploitation of his fellow workers. By making these connections, readers ultimately gain a deeper understanding of the allegorical significance of Boxer's character and the broader implications of the story for the real-world context of Soviet communism.

As the narrative unfolds, the gradual decline in Boxer's health serves as a symbolic representation of the degeneration of Animalism's principles and the escalating corruption within the governing regime. Specifically, in Chapter 5, Orwell draws attention to the diminished food rations for the animals alongside the pigs' growing power and influence, thereby accentuating the widening chasm between social classes on the farm. Furthermore, as the narrator states, 'All orders were now issued through Squealer or one of the other pigs', which highlights the increasing dominance of the pigs over the other animals. The harrowing account of Boxer's final journey in the knacker's van elicits potent emotions of fury and grief in readers, as they bear witness to the appalling betrayal of the steadfast worker by the very leaders he tirelessly served and trusted. Upon realising Boxer's fate, Clover implores Boxer, "Boxer!...Get out! Get out quickly! They're taking you to your death!". However, despite her desperate pleas, Boxer's loyalty to the cause and his trust in the leadership leave him powerless to escape the tragic outcome orchestrated by those he had served. In this regard, the allegorical nature of Orwell's novel enables him to deliver a scathing critique of the real-life treachery perpetrated by Stalin against the Soviet workers, who were callously exploited for their loyalty and sacrifices. Despite their unwavering commitment to the communist cause, these workers ultimately found themselves betrayed by the leadership, which corrupted the foundational ideals of communism for personal gain. By illustrating Boxer's tragic fate, Orwell drives home the profound injustice inflicted upon countless Soviet workers, whose faith in their leaders was repaid with deception and exploitation. The novel poignantly underscores this betrayal as Squealer coldly justifies Boxer's fate, asserting, "The truest happiness...lay in working hard and living frugally", even while the pigs secretly benefit from the other animals' labor.





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In conclusion, an analysis of Orwell's 'Animal Farm' has revealed how the author effectively conveys Boxer's tragic fate, skillfully employing the character as an allegory for the Soviet working class who endured exploitation and betrayal under Stalin's regime, ultimately emphasising the critical importance of questioning loyalty and holding those in power accountable for their actions. 'Animal Farm' suggests that revolution is not the answer to problems of hunger, hardship, and disappointment, as different types of revolutionary leadership share a common root: personal ambition or the desire for power in one form or another. Therefore, Orwell's fable can be seen as a warning against the dangers of totalitarianism, the corruption of power, and the importance of maintaining critical thinking and vigilance in the face of oppressive leadership. Through its allegorical representation of the Soviet Union under Stalin, the novel emphasises that seemingly noble ideals can be corrupted by those who seek power and control, leading to the suffering and exploitation of the masses.

