

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 7: The success of Old Major's rhetoric

Tyranny

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What is rhetoric?

Item 1

Rhetoric is the art of speaking or writing for maximum impact or to persuade.

Item 2

Rhetoric is writing or delivering speeches.

Item 3

Rhetoric is using emotive language to make people feel strong emotions.



Which of the following is a correct definition of tyranny?

Option 1

Cruel leadership with too much control.

Option 3

A controlling government.

Option 2

A person with too much power.

Option 4

A government where everyone is treated equally.



Vocabulary reminder!

What is a rebellion?

A

Rebellion is breaking the rules on purpose.

B

Rebellion is a war between two sides in the same country.

C

Rebellion is the act of resisting authority or control.



"Man is the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run fast enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is not one of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which should have been breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies.



"Is it not crystal clear, then, comrades, that all the evils of this life of ours spring from the **tyranny** of human beings? Only get rid of Man, and the produce of our labour would be our own. Almost overnight we could become rich and free. What then must we do? Why, work night and day, body and soul, for the overthrow of the human race! That is my message to you, comrades: Rebellion!



Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy. Whatever goes upon four legs, or has wings, is a friend. And remember also that in fighting against Man, we must not come to **resemble** him. Even when you have conquered him, do not adopt his **vices**. No animal must ever live in a house, or sleep in a bed, or wear clothes, or drink alcohol, or smoke tobacco, or touch money, or engage in trade. All the habits of Man are evil. And, above all, no animal must ever **tyrannise** over his own kind. Weak or strong, clever or simple, we are all brothers. No animal must ever kill any other animal. All animals are equal.

Resemble - be similar to

Vice - immoral or unsuitable habits or behaviour



**Foreshadowing is predicting that a rebellion
is going to happen.**

True

False

