

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 18: Squealer's rhetoric

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What is rhetoric?

Option 1

Rhetoric is giving speeches.

Option 3

Rhetoric is saying things to persuade people.

Option 2

Rhetoric is the art of speaking or writing persuasively.

Option 4

Rhetoric is manipulating people.



"Comrades!" cried Squealer, making little nervous skips, "a most terrible thing has been discovered. Snowball has sold himself to Frederick of Pinchfield Farm, who is even now plotting to attack us and take our farm away from us! It has all been proved by documents which he left behind him and which we have only just discovered. To my mind this explains a great deal, comrades. Did we not see for ourselves how he attempted--fortunately without success--to get us defeated and destroyed at the Battle of the Cowshed?"



Squealer is telling the animals that Snowball has been working with farmers all along.

True

False



"I do not believe that," he said. "Snowball fought bravely at the Battle of the Cowshed. I saw him myself. Did we not give him 'Animal Hero, first Class,' immediately afterwards?"

"That was our mistake, comrade. For we know now--it is all written down in the secret documents that we have found--that in reality he was trying to lure us to our doom."

"But he was wounded," said Boxer. "We all saw him running with blood."

"That was part of the arrangement!" cried Squealer. "Jones's shot only grazed him. I could show you this in his own writing, if you were able to read it."



Boxer believe Squealer immediately.

True

False



Do you not remember how, just at the moment when Jones and his men had got inside the yard, Snowball suddenly turned and fled, and many animals followed him? And do you not remember, too, that it was just at that moment, when panic was spreading and all seemed lost, that Comrade Napoleon sprang forward with a cry of 'Death to Humanity!' and sank his teeth in Jones's leg? Surely you remember THAT, comrades?"



Orwell uses dramatic irony in this extract

True

False



Write sentences using the information provided

- Squealer / collective pronouns / unite
- Squealer / 'facts' / prove / propaganda
- Squealer / repetition / emphasise

