

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 10: Animalism

# Animalism

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Miss Eden



# What caused the rebellion to happen sooner than expected?

## Option 1

The cows were angry and chased the farmer away.

## Option 3

The animals were not fed and the farmers started hurting them.

## Option 2

The pigs organised the animals to start the rebellion.

## Option 4

The farmer had not cut the hedges on the farm.



# Which is the correct definition of a commandment?

## Option 1

A commandment is a very strict rule associated with religion.

## Option 3

A commandment only has to be followed if you are religious.

## Option 2

A commandment is a suggestion given by God.

## Option 4

A commandment is a law we are expected to follow.



Snowball (for it was Snowball who was best at writing) took a brush between the two knuckles of his trotter, painted out MANOR FARM from the top bar of the gate and in its place painted ANIMAL FARM. This was to be the name of the farm from now onwards. After this they went back to the farm buildings, where Snowball and Napoleon sent for a ladder which they caused to be set against the end wall of the big barn. They explained that by their studies of the past three months the pigs had succeeded in reducing the principles of Animalism to Seven Commandments.



These Seven Commandments would now be **inscribed** on the wall; they would form an **unalterable** law by which all the animals on Animal Farm must live for ever after. With some difficulty (for it is not easy for a pig to balance himself on a ladder) Snowball climbed up and set to work, with Squealer a few rungs below him holding the paint-pot. The Commandments were written on the tarred wall in great white letters that could be read thirty yards away. They ran thus:



## THE SEVEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy.
2. Whatever goes upon four legs, or has wings, is a friend.
3. No animal shall wear clothes.
4. No animal shall sleep in a bed.
5. No animal shall drink alcohol.
6. No animal shall kill any other animal.

**7. All animals are equal.**

**Irony: are all the animals equal if the pigs are at the top of the hierarchy?**



# How do we know the pigs are taking control?

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*‘all the animals nodded in complete agreement, and the cleverer ones at once began to learn the Commandments by heart.’*





## **Complete the following sentences.**

- The pigs change the name of the farm because...
- When the other animals see the Seven Commandments...
- Although the seventh commandment says 'All animals are equal'...

