Animal Farm Test—Written Portion

<u>Using your worksheets from class and in four individual paragraphs, address each of the following topics in a literary analysis, discussing how these subjects are developed through multiple examples:</u>

- Power
- Persuasion
- Leadership
- Blind Followers

Follow the structure below for each of the paragraphs:

- 1. Begin with a topic sentence that includes author, title, genre, analysis verb followed by a statement to introduce the tropic.
- 2. Transition into your first specific example from the text, explaining context as necessary.
- 3. Analyze the example and discuss how the example connects to the topic sentence.
- 4. Transition into your second specific example from the text, explaining context as necessary.
- 5. Analyze the example and discuss how the example connects to the topic sentence.
- 6. Transition into your third specific example from the text, explaining context as necessary.
- 7. Analyze the example and discuss how the example connects to the topic sentence.
- 8. Conclude your paragraph by discussing how the subject goes beyond *Animal Farm*, how the subject is relevant to today's society, or why it's important to be aware of the subject.

Begin your response below. Make sure to label which topic you're addressing. By submitting your work, you have pledge that you received no outside help other than your text and your worksheets.

In the Animal Farm book there are plenty of examples of how power is an overbearing and reoccurring issue. Early in the book the whole farm was owned by a farmer however the animals disliked him so they rebelled and took over. After this two pigs forced themselves to power, Napoleon and Snowball. They both try to take over the owning of the farm and therefor get very powerful. Soon after this Snowball attempted to overpower everyone else and force a Windmill to be built, however Napoleon was prepared and far more powerful, so he ran Snowball out of town. Napoleon had trained up a secret set of dogs to protect him and serve him. Napoleon used the media (squealer) to increase his power gradually by convincing everyone he was the best leader. Once this was done the people wouldn't question his authority making him even more powerful. So as you can see, Power is very evident in Napoleon and even early Snowball.

In Animal Farm there were plenty of occasions where persuasion was needed to progress in the story. Napoleon had Squealer list off the commandment that he updated to fit his own personal devices. He also had him convince the people that boxer wasn't getting liquefied into assets for the farm. Lastly Squealer convinced the farm that one of their war heroes was actually a villain who had plotted against them the whole time. In the Animal Farm the main source of persuasion was squealer who was in all practicalities purposes, the media.

Although Leadership isn't what a lot of people envision in this book, it is prevalent in the story. Napoleon leads his farm of animals in the production of the windmill which was a massive accomplishment. He also helped lead them in two battles which they won. And lastly Napoleon gave orders semi-effectively. Leadership wasn't amazing in this story, It really shows how corrupted a person in power can become.

In conjunction with the leader paragraph there were a lot of blind followers who didn't think as much as they should've while following napoleon. They often read the commandments which were changed but they never noticed they were. Part of them being blind was because they were persuaded by squealer. They also wanted to see the positive side of their life so they ignored all the plights that were occurring. Including the lack of food. They were also blind because of all the lies they were subjected to from all their leaders.