Animal Farm: Final Reflection / Project Options

The following are a list of possible lessons that one might draw from Animal Farm:

- 1. Life is unfair; don't expect it to be otherwise.
- 2. Be careful whom you trust.
- 3. Choose your friends wisely.
- 4. Question authority and think for yourself: don't be like the sheep.
- 5. Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely.
- 6. Don't believe everything you read or are told.
- 7. All people are equal, but some people are more equal than others.
- 8. Ignorance is not always bliss.
- 9. Educate yourself: knowledge is power.
- 10. Stand up for your friends and for those in trouble: don't be a passive bystander.
- 11. Respect everyone's opinion.
- 12. Don't be a backstabber.
- 13. Be grateful for the freedoms you enjoy.

Procedure:

- I. Select one of the above lessons.
- II. Create a project that shows how the lesson you select:
 - 1. Is connected to Animal Farm

AND

2. Might be related to the world today (to your life, to the lives of young adults, to America, to sports, to a current event...)

Project Requirements:

- A) Pre-write. Plan out your ideas before beginning: brainstorm, outline, create a rough draft...
 - a. Pre-writing must be submitted to and approved by a teacher by the end of class on Tuesday.
- B) Be sure to give your project a clear title.
- C) Write the lesson you select somewhere prominently on your project.
- D) Include AND number four (4) specific examples from the novel.

If you choose to create something that does not contain a lot of writing (for example, an illustration, a playlist, a PowerPoint, a collage...) include at least one well developed paragraph (a half page, typed- 12pt Times New Roman font, double spaced) explaining your project, the connection to <u>Animal Farm</u> and the connection to the world today.

Project Options:

- 1. Generate a series of diary entries (10) from one of the main characters
 - a. Each entry should be at least half of a page in length, typed
 - b. 12pt Times New Roman font, double spaced
 - c. Final product should be in the form of a book/look like a diary
- 2. Interview someone (one of your peers, George Orwell, or one of the characters from Animal Farm)
 - a. 2 pages, typed. Double spaced. Times New Roman font
- 3. Write and present a speech to the class as one of the characters from the novel
 - a. 2 pages, typed. Double spaced. Times New Roman font
- 4. Create a playlist for each chapter of the novel
 - a. Each chapter should be named and an explanation of why each song is chosen should be provided
 - b. Explanations should be at least half of a page in length, typed
 - c. 12pt Times New Roman font, double spaced
 - d. Edited songs only, please
- 5. Rewrite the conclusion of the book
 - a. 2 pages, typed. Double spaced. Times New Roman font
- 6. Write a missing scene. For example, you might write about what really happens to Snowball after he is driven off the farm
 - a. 2 pages, typed. Double spaced. Times New Roman font
- 7. Draw a cartoon strip linking something from the novel and something from your life
 - a. Serious artists only, please
 - b. 10 frames minimum
- 8. Create a collage; using at least 5 chapters of the book as examples
 - a. Serious artists only, please
 - b. 10 pictures minimum

