

Animal Farm Essay

As a satire and allegory of Russian Revolution, Animal Farm helps us determine and reflect all the different lessons learnt in different parts of the book. The lessons that I could pick out were politics, corruption due to power/absolute power, equality- more equal when the system is corrupted, propaganda used for convincing and also when someone receives absolute power, it is not going to the good of the people but to oneself only. The 3 lessons I am going to focus on in this essay is when power is given, then that power is only used to defend oneself only and not to the good of the public, absolute power creates absolute corruption and propaganda is used to help cover up. These 3 lessons most affecting the scenes happening in the book, because after Napoleon gets absolute power, he gets corrupted which leads him to changing everything to back himself up. So all these lessons have connection with each other.

The first lesson gives us a detailed idea that when absolute power is given to one only then that power is not used for the public's good but for oneself only. This is normally is to give oneself luxury and strength over others. It relates to when Napoleon gains the authority over the farm after driving Snowball out and only looks out for his own benefits. Another example is when the Squealer is convincing the animals that pigs have to eat apples and drink milk is for everyone's good, because its scientifically proven that it contains substances absolute necessary for the well-being of a pig. So in this case the pigs/Napoleon are misusing the power they are given to make sure they have all their desired substance and are treated and fed like Kings. This lesson is important because its true when a person gains too much power, its first use it to make sure he is happy and satisfied. His desire can never stop and can do things, which would be harmful for the people in order to get what he wants. For example when Napoleon took away those dogs from Jessie and Bluebell, it could have been for the sake of protection from humans but instead those dogs were trained and used to help out Napoleon get his way. While on the other side Squealer on was one of Napoleon's treasured tools to get animals to believe that he is right and to obey his orders.

As absolute power creates absolute corruption, Napoleon and his pigs got corrupted as they held the title of supremacy in the farm. To maintain their popularity with the other animals in the farm they had to change some of the rules so they wouldn't be accused of breaking the Seven Commandments, but this was done with secrecy with the help of Squealer who was intelligent and good with words. The new modified version of Seven Commandments is "No animal shall drink alcohol to excess", "No animals shall sleep in bed with sheets", "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others". But then the most important of all "Four legs good and two legs better!" stated that the pigs have gotten to become more like humans than they were before. This lesson is considered to be important because looking at Napoleon after he had gotten absolute power started to change everything around to get to his own way and