

Study Guide
Animal Farm
with Connections

To the Parent:

We strongly recommend that you read all literary works before assigning them to determine whether or not they are appropriate for your students. If you are teaching two or more students who are close in age, have them read ***Animal Farm*** at the same time so that they may discuss the book and work cooperatively. Also, consider collaborating with other homeschool families for group activities and projects. Below are some suggestions for familiarizing yourself with ***Animal Farm***, its author, and its context:

- Read **The Novel at a Glance**, pp. 12-13: a brief overview of the entire novel.
- Read **Plot Synopsis and Literary Elements**, pp. 15-27: brief synopses of the plot and an overview of the novel's themes, characters, and other important elements for each section of the novel.
- Read **About the Writer**, pp. 6-7: biographical information about the author and his works.
- Read **About the Novel**, pp. 8-11: historical and literary context of the novel, along with critical responses.
- Read **Using This Study Guide** and **Reaching All Students**, pp. 3-4: ideas for making the reading more accessible to students of different levels, interests, and learning styles.
- Read **Reader's Log: Model**, **Reader's Log: Starters**, **Double Entry Journal: Models**, and **Group Discussion Log**, pp. 28-31: suggestions for reading actively, discussing the novel, and responding to it in writing.
- Read **Assessment Options**, p. 5: suggestions for various types of assessment that are appropriate for this novel.

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