The novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell is an *allegory*: a story that uses different animal characters and their traits or actions to highlight the actions of real-life people and real historical events. In order to better understand the novel, it is necessary to first have some background on the people and events that Orwell designed his commentary around.

**YOUR CHOSEN TOPIC IS:**

If your chosen topic is a **person**, your paper will answer the following questions:
1. Who was this person? Provide brief biographical information.
2. What role did this person play in the Russian Revolution? Remember, some people were physically involved, and some were involved philosophically (with their ideas).
3. What was the rule of this person like? What ultimately happened to him?

If your chosen topic is an **event**, your paper will answer the following questions:
1. Why did the event happen?
2. What happened during the event?
3. What were the consequences of the event?

If your chosen topic is a **group**, your paper will answer the following questions:
1. Why was the group created and by whom was it created?
2. What did the group hope to achieve and what did they actually achieve?
3. What were the consequences of the actions of this group? Do they still exist today?

The requirements for your paper are:
- Five total paragraphs which make up **at least** TWO (2) **full** pages PLUS a Works Cited page
- Three (3) **reliable, academic** sources; **you may only use the sources provided.**
- Proper MLA formatting (typed, Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced, correct heading and headers)
- Parenthetical citations for both quoted and paraphrased information in the paper
- A Works Cited page created in EasyBib
- A completed shaping sheet (provided) in place of a formal rough draft
- A completed final draft (printed out)
- A completed final draft in electronic form to be turned in to TurnItIn.com on the due date; **no paper will be accepted without this submission; WE WILL DO THIS TOGETHER IN CLASS**

**REMEMBER:**
- You may not use informal language: no I, me, my, mine, we, us, our, you, or your; no contractions
- You will be given a week and a half to complete all aspects of this paper; I have high expectations that you will use your time wisely and create a well-research and well-written essay