

James M. Bennett High School  
Summer Reading Assignment 2019  
Grade 9 Honors English

**Objectives:**

RI1- Cite strong and thorough evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze it.

RL4 – Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text.

**Assignment:** This assignment is broken down into four parts.

**Part 1:** To better understand the historical context of Animal Farm, view the video entitled “Animal Farm- Synopsis”. This video is available for viewing on Youtube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).

**Part 2:** Read the novel Animal Farm by George Orwell.

**Part 3:** Define the following vocabulary words and make sure you comprehend how they are used in the novel.

1. canvassing
2. conciliatory
3. countenances
4. counteract
5. cynical
6. disinterred
7. ensconced
8. fortnight
9. lamentation
10. incumbent
11. maxim
12. parasitical
13. pervading
14. posthumously

- 15. procured
- 16. proprietors
- 17. repose
- 18. scored
- 19. tyranny
- 20. vivacious

**Part 4:** Find 3 articles that deal with ONE of the following theme topics addressed in Animal Farm: leadership, greed, power, tyranny, equality, or corruption. Print each of the three articles. All three articles should be addressing the same theme topic. These can be on line articles, newspaper articles, magazine articles, or journal articles from reputable magazines or websites. Create a chart like the one below that demonstrates a thorough examination of the article.

Title, Author, Date, Source of Article	Summary of Article	Interesting or Unfamiliar Vocabulary in the Article	Questions about the Article

**Final Note:** A hard copy of this assignment is due Thursday, September 5, 2019. The printed articles are expected to be turned in with all other work. These articles will be used in an essay assignment when school begins. This work should be neatly presented and represent your best effort. If typed, please double space, use 12 point font and one inch margins. If handwritten, please use blue or black ink and write on the front of the paper only. Typing is preferred, but not mandatory. No email submissions will be accepted.