

Animal Farm Essay Outline

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Example.

Thesis: The 3 most prevalent literary devices used in Animal Farm are foreshadowing, pathos, and allegory.

Argument #1: (Foreshadowing)

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In Animal Farm, blatant and subtle foreshadowing is used to allow readers to predict upcoming events.

Supporting Detail A: In chapter 2 just after the pigs had milked the cows the animals had asked what would be done with the milk. Napoleon was quick to jump in front of the buckets and tell them it would be taken care of. Later when the milk goes missing, it seems likely that the pigs have taken it for them-

Quote A: selves, which later turns out to be true.

↳ "Never mind the milk, comrades!"... "That will be attended to. The harvest is more important... I shall follow in a few minutes" (16.).

(It seemed suspicious that Napoleon was left with the milk and then it went missing. This was meant to foreshadow the pigs' greed + manipulation.)

Supporting Detail B: After the windmill fell down, the animals worked tirelessly to rebuild it. When it was completed the narrator noted that nothing short of explosives would destroy the windmill this time. This was an instance of foreshadowing because that is exactly what happened.

Quote B: "Nothing short of explosives would lay them low this time!" (66)

During the next attack on animal farm, Benjamin notes: "'Do you not see what they are doing? In another moment they are going to pack blasting powder into that hole'" (69).

Supporting Detail C: The attack on Boxer is foreshadowed in chapter 7. Boxer firmly disagrees when Squealer states that Snowball was Jones' agent from the beginning, and the narrator states that Squealer shot Boxer an angry look. Boxer was later attacked by Napoleon's dogs.

Quote C: "Squealer cast a ~~a~~ very ugly look at Boxer with his little twinkling eyes." (55)

"To the amazement of everybody three of them flung themselves upon Bover." (56)