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## ANIMAL FARM: A POLITICAL SATIRE

'Animal Farm' is a political satire. This novel is different from Swift's Gulliver's travels. In Gulliver's travels, Swift attacks all mankind. But in 'Animal Farm', Orwell attacks certain political institutions and selected personalities.

'Animal Farm' is a satire on Russian Revolution held in 1917. It is a satire on the process of Revolution. This novel shows Communist regime in Russia under Stalin. Orwell was much disgusted with the arbitrary and ruthless method which Stalin consolidated his power. To set up totalitarian regime, Stalin betrayed the spirit of Russian Revolution.

'Animal Farm' begins with Old Major. Old Major raises his voice against Mr. Jones. He shows all the animals, how Mr. Jones exploited them. Mr. Jones takes hard work from them. Sometimes animals in the farms are beaten frequently. Old Major asks animals to revolt against Mr. Jones. Old Major gives continuous speech for three days. Then Old Major dies. His death shocks all. Orwell here presents the principle of Karl Marx in the guise of Old Major. After his death, Snowball and Napoleon arrange his thoughts in Animalism. Snowball & Napoleon stand for Trotsky and Stalin. All animals are united and expelled Mr. Jones from the farm. Napoleon is opportunist. Snowball sticks to Old Major & Snowball proposes the idea of windmill. Napoleon opposes the idea. He overpowers the farm as a tyrant. He violates all the precepts of Animalism. He & his followers drink wine and enjoy. Other animals are tortured. Moses is spy in the farm. Napoleon's tolerance of Moses in the farm is intended by Orwell to ridicule the attitude of Stalin towards Roman Catholic priest. Boxer and Clover represent honest labourers. Mollie symbolises shirkers. Mollie avoids to do any work in farm.

In nutshell, 'Animal Farm' is a political satire. This political satire focuses on Socialism and uplift of labour class. The main object of George Orwell is to open the eyes of the readers to the truth about Stalin.