

I am a kid that doesn't like to read. I was in the eight grade and had never finished reading an entire book. I just don't have the intention span or the patience to read a book. I saw no point in it when I could just watch TV. Animal Farm by George Orwell is a book that not only influenced me, but changed my life. This book kept my attention the whole way through, and influenced me to keep on reading.

The book is about a farm of animals that talk, and act kind of like humans. An old boar on the farm named Major gave a speech on how they should get rid of the farmer and run the farm by themselves. Shortly after Major made that speech he died. But even though he was gone the other animals carried out his plan, and ran the farmer off of the land.

Snowball and Napoleon are two of the younger pigs that are taking more responsibility now that Major is gone. They both are trying to teach the other animals on the farm new things like, how to read, and about animalism. The two of them began to struggle determining who had the more power. Snowball is later chased from the farm, and that leaves Napoleon in charge. The animals were in the process of building an electric windmill. But one night the windmill got destroyed, and Napoleon thinks that Snowball had something to do with it.

At the end of the story, a neighbor farmer cheats Napoleon on some lumber. Then the same farmer went and destroyed the same windmill that they just rebuilt. After all that life on the farm went back to how it is. As the years pass the pigs are starting to become more like humans, walking up straight.

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I hate reading, I wouldn't even read a book for school. I am very glad that my eight grade English teacher gave me this book to read. It changed the way I think about reading a book. It thought me that all books are not boring. You just have to find a good book that is right for you, and keeps your attention. If I would have never read this book, to this very day I guarantee I still would not have read a full book by myself.