# ANIMAL FARM: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the book *Animal Farm* by George Orwell to the movie *Animal Farm* (1954). An animated British film by John Halas and Joy Batchlor. Voices by Gordon Heath and Maurice Denham.



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## THE MOVIE VERSION OF ANIMAL FARM IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by George Orwell

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *Animal Farm* (1954) An animated British film by John Halas and Joy Batchlor. Voices by Gordon Heath and Maurice Denham.

#### HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: **全全全**公 Characters: **全全全**公公 Setting: **全全全全** 

Structure: ☆☆☆☆☆ Symbols: ☆☆☆☆☆ Theme: ☆☆☆☆☆

#### THE MOVIE: SUMMARY

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

#### THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1

**OPENING SCENE:** The voice of a narrator is heard. (*ERROR:* In the book there is no first person narrator) It is springtime. Manor Farm in England has fallen into disrepair. (*ACCURATE*) Mr. Jones, owner of Manor Farm, has neglected his property because he spends his time at the Red Lion tavern drinking. (*ACCURATE*) Mr. Jones arrives home drunk. (*ACCURATE*) As he makes his rounds to lock up the farm, he kicks a chicken coop and mumbles "Good for nothing beasts." (*ERROR:* Not in the book) Jones throws a liquor bottle at his dog. (*ERROR:* Not in the book) Jones enters the farmhouse and goes to bed. (*ACCURATE*)

When the animals see the farmhouse lights go out, they head across the barnyard to a meeting called by Old Major, a respected prize boar. (*ACCURATE*) The animals have never met together before. (*ACCURATE*) Old Major says that he has been ill and wants to say things before it's too late. (*ACCURATE*) The pigs, including Snowball and Napoleon, sit on the front row. (*ACCURATE*) Boxer the horse, Benjamin the donkey, sheep, ducks, chickens, cows, and other animals are present. (*ACCURATE*) The door squeaks and the cat walks in last. (*ACCURATE*)

### **QUIZ**

This quiz compares the movie *Animal Farm* (1954), an animated British film by John Halas and Joy Batchlor, to the novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.

1. In the movie and the book Old Major calls for
a. the animals to unionize
b. a revolution
c. a strike
d. negotiations with Farmer Jones
2. In the movie the animals moo, oink, cluck, quack and make other sounds to a tune. In the book the animals sing a song with lyrics called
a. Noah's Serenade b. Animal Anthem c. Beasts of England d. Animals Awake
3. In the movie and the book a leader emerges who urges the other animals to break into the storehouse and feed themselves. Who is it?
a. Snowball b. Napoleon c. Boxer d. Clover

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