

Animal Farm

Vocabulary Review

ensconced

- verb
- settled comfortably or snugly
- nestled

benevolent

- adjective
- doing or inclined to do good
- kindly, kindhearted, generous

cynical

- adjective
- believing that people are motivated only by selfishness
- skeptical, pessimistic

preeminent

- adjective
- superior to others, especially in a particular quality
- supreme, paramount, unequaled, unsurpassed, best, greatest

vivacious

- adjective
- lively
- animated, bubbly, spirited

expounded

- verb
- explained by setting forth in careful and often elaborate detail; defended an argument
- explained, described

disheartened

- adjective
- caused to lose spirit or morale
- discouraged, saddened, dismayed

implements

- noun
- tools or utensils forming part of equipment for work
- tools, devices, equipment, materials

obstinate

- adjective
- stubborn
- unyielding, inflexible, pigheaded, headstrong

cryptic

- adjective
- having a hidden, puzzling, or ambiguous meaning; mysterious
- puzzling, perplexing, mysterious, secret, hidden

indefatigable

- adjective
- tireless
- inexhaustible, persistent

maxim

- noun
- a saying of proverbial nature; a concisely expressed principle or rule of conduct; a statement of a general truth
- proverb, adage, motto

tractable

- adjective
- capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled
- manageable, controllable, trainable, teachable

irrepressible

- adjective
- uncontrollable
- unrestrainable

ignominious

- adjective
- shameful, dishonorable
- humiliating, disgraceful, disreputable

posthumously

- adverb
- occurring or continuing after one's death
- post mortem, post-obituary

pretext

- noun
- false reason or motive given to hide the real one
- excuse, pretense

canvassing

- verb
- soliciting or requesting
- campaigning

sordid

- adjective
- not noble in character or quality
- vile, wicked, disreputable, filthy, dirty

reared

- verb
- brought up (a person); raised young
- raised, nurtured, developed, fostered

menacing

- verb
- making a show of intention to harm; threatening
- endangering, intimidating

reverent

- adjective
- worshipful, respectful
- esteemed, honored, regarded

tactics

- noun
- method of employing forces in combat; device for accomplishing an end
- methods, schemes, techniques, plans

procured

- verb
- got possession of; obtained by particular care and effort
- obtained, acquired, secured

abolished

- verb
- done away with completely
- eliminated, eradicated, terminated

intermediary

- noun
- one who acts as a go-between
- mediator, negotiator, arbitrator, middleman

commissions

- noun
- fees paid to an agent or employee for transacting a piece of business or performing a service
- percentages, fees, portions

compensated

- verb
- offset an error, defect, or undesired effect
- reimbursed, recompensed, counterbalanced

malignity

- noun
- persistent intense ill will or desire to harm others
- malice, evil, hostility, spite

capitulated

- verb
- gave up, surrendered, stopped resisting
- surrendered, yielded, succumbed

pervading

- verb
- becoming diffused throughout every part of
- permeating, spreading, penetrating, saturating

retribution

- noun
- punishment for wrongdoing
- retaliation, restitution, reprisal, punishment, penalty, revenge

censured

- verb
- found fault with and criticized as blameworthy
- reprimanded, condemned, criticized, scolded

impending

- adjective
- about to occur; hover threateningly
- approaching, coming, imminent, forthcoming

conciliatory

- adjective
- gaining (as goodwill) by pleasing acts
- peacemaking, reconciling, pacifying

unscathed

- adjective
- not injured
- unharmed, unhurt, untouched, intact

superannuated

- adjective
- too old or worn out for further work, service, or use
- obsolete, old, outdated, old-fashioned

complicity

- noun
- association or participation in or as if in a wrongful act
- partnership, collusion, collaboration, guilt

demeanor

- noun
- behavior toward others; outward manner
- conduct, behavior

taciturn

- adjective
- temperamentally disinclined to talk
- uncommunicative, anti-social, silent, reserved, quiet

incumbent

- adjective
- resting on, as a duty or obligation
- necessary, urgent, required, obligatory

malignant

- adjective
- evil in nature, influence, or effect
- destructive, spiteful, malevolent

totalitarianism

- system of government by one ruler or group

scapegoat

- one who bears blame for another's mistakes

animalism

- qualities of being an animal; theory that humans are nothing more than animals

communism

- theory of shared property

utopia

- idealistic or perfect society

dictator

- one who has total ruling power or control

gullible

- **easily cheated; deceived**

purge

- cleanse, remove, or do away with

satire

- literary device used to ridicule and point out weaknesses for the purpose of effecting (causing) a change

opportunist

- one who takes advantage of chance for gain

nonaggression

- policy indicating no intention of attacking a foreign government or nation; policy of respecting individual rights

ideology

- set of beliefs about life;
theory

cult

- system of religious worship or ritual; specific religious beliefs or theories

bourgeoisie

- middle class

proletariat

- working class of society

propaganda

- Any widespread promotion of particular ideas or practices, usually to further one's own cause or to damage an opposing idea

