



Animal Farm Mottos

A **motto** is a word, phrase, or sentence that states a person's, group's, or country's beliefs or principles. Mottos appear throughout *Animal Farm*. As you read the book, keep your eye out for mottos that capture the important ideas that guide the animals as they develop their new society.

In column 1: Record the motto from the text. Be sure to record the page number.

In column 2: Record the literal meaning of the motto.

In column 3: Write a sentence explaining the motto's implied meaning.

In column 4: Write a sentence analyzing whether or not the animals adhere to their own principles.

When you have completed your chart, create your own motto that represents your key takeaway from the book.

Motto	Literal Meaning	Implied Meaning	Is the motto followed?
"Whatever walks upon two legs is an enemy." (p. 11)	Any creature that walks upright, like humans do, is an enemy of the animals on the farm.	The animals can't trust any humans.	No, the animals break this motto when Napoleon makes numerous business dealings with people.

Your motto:

RL.9-10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

SL.9-10.1 Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

W.9-10.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)