Animal Farm

Comparison of characters to Russian Revolution

Animal Farm	Russian Revolution
 Mr. Jones irresponsible to his animals (lets them starve) sometimes cruel - beats them with whip sometimes kind - mixes milk in animal mash 	 Czar Nicholas II a poor leader at best, compared to western kings cruel - sometimes brutal with opponents Sometimes kind - hired students as spies to make \$
Old Major	Karl Marx
 taught Animalism workers do the work, rich keep the \$, animals revolt dies before revolution 	 invented Communism "workers of the world unite", take over gov't dies before Russian Revolution
Animalism	Communism
 no owners, no rich, but no poor workers get a better life, all animals equal everyone owns the farm 	 same all people equal gov't owns everything, people own gov't
Snowball	Leon Trotsky
 young, smart, good speaker, idealistic really wants to make life better for all one of leaders of revolution chased away into exile by Napoleon's dogs 	 other leader of "October Revolution" pure communist, followed Marx wanted to improve life for all in Russia chased away by Lenin's KGB (Lenin's secret police)
Napoleon	Joseph Stalin
 not a good speaker, not as clever like Snowball cruel, brutal, selfish, devious, corrupt his ambition is for power, killed opponents used dogs, moses, and Squealor to 	 not a good speaker, not educated like Trotsky same as Napoleon, didn't follow Marx's ideas cared for power, killed all that opposed him

control animals	• used KGB, allowed church, and propagandized
Squealer	Propaganda department of Lenin's government
 big mouth, talks a lot convinces animals to believe and follow Napoleon Changes and manipulates the commandments 	 worked for Stalin to support his image used any lie to convince the people to follow Stalin benefited from the fact that education was controlled
The Dogs	KGB - Secret Police
 a private army that used fear to force animals to work killed or intimidated any opponent of Napoleon another part of Napoleon's strategy to control animals 	 not really police, but forced support for Stalin used force, often killed entire families for disobedience totally loyal, part of Lenin's power, even over army
Moses the Raven	Religion
 tells animals about SugarCandy mountain - Heaven animals can go there if they work hard Snowball and Major were against him they though Heaven was a lie to make animals work Napoleon let him stay because he taught animals to work and not complain 	 Marx said "Opiate of the people" a lie used to make people not complain and do their work Religion was tolerared because people would work Stalin knew religion would stop violent revolutions
Mollie	Vain, selfish people in Russia and world
 was vain - loved her beauty and self didn't think about the animal farm went with anyone who gave her what she wanted 	 some people didn't care about revolution only though about themselves went to other countries that offered more for them
Boxer	Dedicated, but tricked communist
• strong, hard working horse, believes in Animal Farm	supporterspeople believed Stalin because he was

 "Napoleon is always right", "I must work harder" gives his all, is betrayed by Napoleon, who sells him 	 "Communist" many stayed loyal after it was obvious Stalin a tyrant betrayed by Stalin who ignored and killed them
 Benjamin old, wise donkey who is suspicious of revolution thinks "nothing ever changes", is right his suspicions are true, about Boxer and sign changes 	 Skeptical people in Russia and outside Russia weren't sure revolution would change anything realized that a crazy leader can call himself communist knew that communism wouldn't work with power hungry leaders
 Overall details about revolution it was supposed to make life better for all life was worse at the end The leaders became the same as, or worse than, the other farmers (humans) they rebelled against 	 Overall details of Russian Revolution supposed to fix problems from Czar life was even worse long after revolution Stalin made Czar look like a nice guy

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