

Animal Farm – Vocabulary

1. **benevolent** (adj.) – kindly; charitable.

2. **incomprehensible** (adj.) – impossible to understand.

3. **disproportionate** (adj.) – out of proportion; lacking in proper proportion.

4. **cynical** (adj.) –

- . doubting the sincerity and goodness of others.
- sneering; sarcastic .

5. **reproach** (v.) – scold; express disapproval to; rebuke.

6. **manipulation** (n.) –

- skillful handling or treatment;

- clever use of influence; a change made for one's own purpose or advantage.

7. **tyrant (noun)**

- An absolute ruler unrestrained by law or constitution.
- A ruler who exercises absolute power oppressively or brutally.

8. **purge (v.)**

- To cause evacuation from (as the bowels)
- To make free of something unwanted

9. **propaganda (n.)**

- The spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person.

10. **meticulous** (adj.) – extremely or excessively careful about small details.

11. **implacable** (adj.) – that cannot be placated, pacified or appeased; relentless.

12. **tribulation** (n.) – great trouble or affliction, especially as a result of persecution or oppression.

13. **ominous** (adj.) – of bad omen; unfavorable; threatening.

14. **dubious** (adj.) –

- doubtful; uncertain.

- of questionable character; probably bad.

15. **cryptic** (adj.) – having a hidden meaning; secret; mysterious.
16. **effrontery** (n.) – shameless boldness; impudence.
17. **capitulate** (v.) – surrender under certain terms or conditions.
18. **procure** (v.) – obtain by care or effort.
19. **incredulous** (adj.) – not willing or likely to believe; not credulous; doubting.
20. **conciliatory** (adj.) – tending or calculated to win over, soothe.
21. **skulk** (v.) – move stealthily, lurk, keep oneself concealed especially in

cowardice or because intending mischief;
stray or sneak away in time of danger; shirk
duty, avoid observation.

22. **denounce** (v.) – condemn publicly;
express strong disapproval of .

23. **pestilence** (n.) –

- a deadly epidemic infectious disease,
especially bubonic plague.
- anything that is extremely destructive or
deadly in its effects.

24. **transgression** (n.) – breaking a
law, command, etc.; sin.

25. **commendable** (adj.) – worthy of
praise; deserving approval.

26. **superfluous** (adj.) – more than is sufficient or necessary.

27. **dexterity** (n.) –

- skill in using the body, especially the hands

- skill in using the mind; cleverness

28. **feign** (v.) – 1. put on a false appearance of; pretend .

- make up with intent to deceive; invent falsely.

29. **rhetoric** (n.) –

- the art of using words effectively in speaking or writing

- language used to persuade or influence others

30. **exhort** (v.) – urge strongly; advise or warn earnestly.