Loyalty

- Boxer:
- Actions
  - First displayed by his maxims: “Napoleon is always right”
  - The word “always” effectively elicits the idea in the reader that no matter what happens, Boxer will never fail to believe that what he is doing is correct and for the best sake of the farm.
  - During the mass killings, when a dog “flung himself towards boxer” Boxer “Pinned him down and looked at Napoleon to know whether he should crush the dog to death or let it go”
  - The act of “look(ing) at Napoleon suggests that Boxer trusts Napoleon (loyalty)
  - He believes that when the animals are slain on the spot it is for an alleged treason.
  - The “air was heavy with the smell of blood” and he thought that the problem was “due to some fault in (the animals)” and the solution was to “work harder”
  - His thinking of “to work harder” when everything goes wrong is just more evidence to prove his foolishness and ignorance.

- Devotion of Boxer is so great that when he is near retirement age, he “never faltered” and continues to work until he eventually collapses.
  - The word “never” evokes in us that Boxer was always performing to the best of his ability.
  - He however fails to realise that his efforts are for the benefits of the pigs alone and not for the farm and the animals.
  - This Blind and ignorant sense of loyalty is demonstrated when Napoleon blames Snowball for “taking the corn and upsetting the milk pails”
  - Boxer’s loyalty causes him to believe every word that comes out from Squealer’s mouth and Napoleon as the truth.
  - Even to the extent of discrediting Snowball’s heroic part in the battle of cowshed and thinking he is “Jones secret agent from the beginning”
  - “From the beginning” only emphasises Boxer’s foolishness as Squealer’s words are able to influence his thinking and manipulate his memories.
  - Main reason he is so ignorant and naïve because he is illiterate and trusts the pigs from the bottom of his heart.

- 9 Dogs
- Absolute loyalty
- Brainwashed since young to follow his every command, hence has no mind of their own.
- Takes away the “nine sturdy pups” away from Bluebell and jessie at birth.
- “responsible for their education”, trains them to be highly competent body guards, listen to his every command.
- He only had to “utter a high-pitched whimper” and the nine dogs “dashed straight for snowball”. This phrase elicits the dog’s loyalty to Napoleon in the readers.
- “wagged their tails to Napoleon in the same way the other dogs had used to do to Mr Jones”.
- Mass Killings
- Obeyed every word Napoleon said.
He would “talk by the hour to anyone who would listen” and claimed that it was a “happy country”

It was a place where “poor animals shall rest for ever from our labours” and he claimed that he was there “on one of his higher flights” This legitimizes the entire lie as Moses is one of the only animals that could fly on the farm while the rest were all stuck on land

Many of the animals believed him but it was later declared that “his stories about Sugar candy mountain were lies and yet they allowed him to remain on the farm, not working with an allowance of a gill of beer a day”

The words “allowance” evokes the idea that Moses was getting rewarded for propagandizing Sugar candy mountain though it was “lies”

The pigs wanted this to occur so that the naïve animals will accept their current state of hunger so that once they die they will have a happy, easy life in a better place.

Sheep
Device: Speech
Sheep, hen, ducks do not fully understand what “Four legs good, two legs bad” means

However, they all memorize it as it is simple, easy to remember and repeat

The sheep on the other hand develop a great liking for it and often all lie around in the field bleating, “Four legs good, two legs bad” for hours without getting tired of it