

Animal Farm Character Analysis - Squealer

Loyal

Only works for Napoleon through out the entire book - Static character

Loyalty can be good, if you are loyal to the right person

Loyalty can be bought through two ways: bribery or genuine trust. In Squealer's case, it's most likely bribery.

Text evidence pg. 44 & 52

Liar

Squealer is known to be a manipulator of truth.

As propagandist, lies and manipulations of the truth come out of Squealer's mouth like it's natural.

Text evidence: pg. 52

Truth = pigs are just taking the apples and milk out of pure selfishness.

Lack of Conscience

Squealer used his skill of persuasion the wrong way

He should realize that Napoleon is becoming the next Jones, and that he should stop the plan.

Believes that Napoleon's orders are right, doesn't challenge Napoleon

Text evidence: pg. 121, 122

Intelligent

Squealer knows exactly what to say to make the public believe him

"Surely there is no one among you who wants to see Jones come back" pg. 52

Squealer knows how to show his 'trustworthiness' through his actions.

"It was the most affecting sight I have ever seen!" said Squealer, lifting his trotter and wiping away a tear (pg. 124-125)

Selfish

Like any other pig, Squealer tricks the public into thinking they are not selfish.

Text Evidence pg. 126

Lies to the public to benefit himself (and the pigs)

Text evidence pg. 52, 79

Doesn't consider others' efforts

Text evidence pg. 109-110

Naïve

Squealer's motivation is based on power and the luxuries that power provides

Text evidence pg. 127

Believes that siding with the current winner will benefit for life (doesn't think deeper, shallow)

Text evidence pg. 139