



Pathfinder: Russian History, Orwell, Utopias and Dystopias

This pathfinder will help you research Russian History in the context of Animal Farm, a utopian/dystopian novel by George Orwell.

Search Tools: Use the search stations in the library (or any computer in the school by using the URL 10.1.9.75:8080) to access the library's catalog to find materials in the library's collection.

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation and other terms and ideas to expand your search terms.

Terms and Keywords: Use the computer search stations to look for your book sources. You may try general words to find your subject like "Russian History." This is a broad category so you may want to get more specific. Try these keywords:

- Russian Revolution
- George Orwell
- Animal Farm
- utopia
- dystopia
- Lenin
- Trotsky
- Bolsheviks
- communism

Dewey Numbers: The KHS Drew Library Media Center uses the Dewey Decimal System to catalog and organize materials. Begin your search for your topic by using the following Dewey numbers:

- 947 – Russian History is located here
- 823 ORW – Bloom's Notes George Orwell's Animal Farm offers a wide selection of critical analyses, as well as concise biographical and bibliographical information and a comprehensive thematic discussion of the plot.

Reference Materials to Use: The books with reference stickers cannot be checked out. However, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the books we have in the reference section that could help you out:

- REF 947 CAM - The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Russia and the former Soviet Union
- REF 947 ENC - Encyclopedia of Russian History
- REF 947 GIL - The Routledge Atlas of Russian History

Internet Resources: There are millions of websites with information on the Russian Revolution and Animal Farm. This can be a great source, however, make sure that the site you use has reliable, credible information. Here are some good sites to look at:

<http://www.barnsdle.demon.co.uk/russ/datesr.html> - Russian Revolution in Dates provides a timeline of events

<http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/animalfarm/> - Spark notes on the book Animal Farm.

Fiction Reading: You may want to read a fiction book to supplement your research. Here are some fiction books about utopias or dystopias:

FIC ATW – *The Handmaid's Tale*

FIC BRA – *Fahrenheit 451*

FIC HUX – *Brave New World*

FIC ORW – *1984*

RIC ROT - *Divergent*

FIC WES – *Uglies*

Nonfiction Reading: You may want to read a nonfiction book to supplement your research. Here are some nonfiction books about the Russian revolution.

947.081 HAL *Russia in Revolution*

947.084 CHE *The Great Russian Revolution*

947.084 SAL *Lenin and the Russian Revolution*