

Sample Narrative Brainstorming Page

- What if the animals realized that the commandments had been changed? (pp. 66–68)

Summary of scene from <i>Animal Farm</i>	<p>Setting: pigs recently moved into farmhouse; animals are gathered outside barn where commandments are written on wall</p> <p>Characters: Squealer, Boxer, Clover, Muriel, other animals, two or three dogs</p> <p>Event sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Squealer convinces animals that pigs need to live in farmhouse so they can work better• Clover remembers a rule against beds, so she tries to read commandments• Can't read well enough, asks Muriel to help• Muriel reads Fourth Commandment• Clover is confused that it says "with sheets"• Squealer walks past and convinces animals that the Fourth Commandment always said "with sheets"
Ideas about what could happen instead	<p>Possible plot events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clover sees the Commandments and trusts her memory• Clover announces to the other animals that the commandments have been changed• Clover argues with the animals about whether the Commandments have been changed• Other animals notice wet paint and agree that something is wrong• The animals refuse to believe Clover and she is shunned• Clover notices that Squealer has paint on his hooves and confronts him• The animals attack Squealer and/or Napoleon• Squealer claims it was Snowball• Clover runs away
Synthesis statement	<p>Rather than accepting Squealer's explanation about why the pigs need to sleep in beds, what if the animals recognize that the words "with sheets" were not there originally and were freshly painted on the barn.</p>

"Linking" line from <i>Animal Farm</i>	With some difficulty Muriel spelt it out. "It says, 'No animal shall sleep in a bed with sheets,'" she announced finally.
Main events of my rewrite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clover asks Muriel to repeat herself● Clover realizes that the Fourth Commandment has changed● She begins to shout this● Other animals join her, realize that the paint is fresh● Squealer comes by, the other animals call to him● Clover and Muriel notice Squealer has paint on his hooves
Conclusion	Clover asks to speak with Napoleon, implying that she is going to confront him