***Animal Farm* by George Orwell**

**Focus Question #1**

What do the following events and quotation tell us about Napoleon’s leadership?

* Snowball has been forced out of Animal Farm;
* The debates and discussions during the Sunday morning Meetings will be suspended; and
* Squealer has been sent around the farm to explain the changes:

“Comrades, I trust that every animal here appreciates the sacrifice that Comrade Napoleon has made in taking this extra labour upon himself. Do not imagine, comrades, that leadership is a pleasure! On the contrary, it is a deep and heavy responsibility. No one believes more firmly than Comrade Napoleon that all animals are equal. He would be only happy to let you make your decisions for yourselves. But sometimes you might make the wrong decisions, comrades, and then where should we be? Suppose you had decided to follow Snowball, with his moonshine of windmills-Snowball, who as we now know, was no better than a criminal.”

Does Napoleon believe that all animals are equal? Is part of being free, being free to make bad decisions?

Remember: there are three questions to address here. Organizing your argument with a logical flow is the challenge of this Focus Question. Use textual evidence to support your claims. This will be graded using the Holistic 10-point grading Rubric.