

Allegory

Definition

- A work of literature in which characters and events symbolize ideas, concepts, or a certain set of morals.
 - It is the extension of a metaphor throughout the entire text that makes a literary work and allegory.
 - It is derived from Greek *allos* (other) and *-egorein* (to speak publicly)

Example

A popular example of an allegory is the novel *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell. In the book, farm animals are used to represent specific political figures in Russia.

All of the events in the novel also mirror historical events. For starters, the animals revolt against the farmer, which is meant to represent the Bolshevik Revolution; the farmer tries to regain his power with help from other farmers, which represents attempts by western powers to destroy the Bolsheviks; the pigs then rise to power, as did the Stalinists (the pig named Napoleon is an allegory for Stalin himself). These allegorical parallels continue throughout the novel.

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