# **Core Skills Analysis**

## **English**

- Learned how to effectively construct essay introductions that hook the reader and provide clear context referencing 'Animal Farm'.
- Developed skills in writing conclusions that summarize key arguments and reinforce the essay's main ideas pertaining to the novel.
- Practiced structuring coherent and focused paragraphs to maintain clarity and flow within essays.
- Enhanced understanding of thematic elements and critical perspectives through essay planning and drafting based on 'Animal Farm'.

## **Tips**

To deepen Aiyana's essay writing skills, encourage her to experiment with various introduction styles such as using a provocative question, a quote from the text, or a brief anecdote related to 'Animal Farm'. Have her draft multiple conclusions with different emphases—such as personal reflection or thematic implications—to see how tone and focus shift. Incorporating peer review sessions can help her gain new insights and refine argument clarity. Additionally, exploring comparative essays that connect 'Animal Farm' to other dystopian works can challenge her to synthesize broader literary concepts and structure complex arguments.

#### **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Animal Farm</u> by George Orwell: A classic allegorical novella exploring themes of power, corruption, and social injustice through a farmyard fable.
- <u>Writing Essays About Literature</u> by Kenneth M. Price and Raymie E. McKerrow: A practical guide to understanding essay structures and improving literary analysis writing skills.
- <u>The Elements of Style</u> by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White: A concise manual on clear, effective writing techniques essential for crafting strong essays.

### **Learning Standards**

- GCSE English Language AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.
- GCSE English Language AO6: Organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts.
- GCSE English Literature AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts, maintaining a critical style and developing an informed personal response.

#### **Try This Next**

- Worksheet on identifying effective introduction techniques featuring examples and exercises.
- Writing prompt to create alternative conclusions for a provided 'Animal Farm' essay draft focusing on different persuasive effects.