



Pay attention to the following in order to locate general or specific information:

General		Specific
Headings and subheadings <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ brief summaries of the paragraphs that give us a sense of what they are about	Word choice <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ exact wording or synonyms that are relevant to the keyword(s) in the question or options	Detailed information <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ amounts, statistic figures, years, dates and time, etc.■ quotes that give clues about one's stance or attitude towards a topic

* Identify the correct type of information before deciding on the answer.

Let's have a closer look!

Adolescence is a transitional period between childhood and adulthood, a rather 'turbulent' yet ²critical time in everyone's life. During adolescent years, one goes through an assortment of physical, cognitive, social and emotional changes. One particularly conspicuous change is that one would start to struggle for independence and become ³singularly vulnerable to peer pressure. This explains why teenagers ¹tend to be 'rebellious' and get into arguments with their parents. What I'd like to tell parents dealing with teenage rebellion is that: your child is no longer a kid, but not yet an adult. Put yourself in your child's shoes. Be a listener and show that you love and you care.

Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. Violent temper is usually what leads to conflicts. ('Temper' is neither mentioned nor relevant.)
- B. Teenagers ¹tend to be disobedient. ('Rebellious' is a synonym of 'disobedient'.)
- C. Adolescence is a ²significant developmental stage. ('Critical' is a synonym of 'significant'.)
- D. What others say can be considered especially ³influential to teenagers. ('Vulnerable' means 'easily influenced'.)

Let's practise!

Animal Farm is one of the most prominent novellas written by English novelist George Orwell, first published in 1945. You may, by its title, judge that it is a children's book with a bunch of personified farmyard animals. In fact, it is an allegorical novella, in which the characters and events are meant to allude to real-world individuals and events. In *Animal Farm*, the male pig named Napoleon is based on Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Soviet Union from 1922 to 1953, while the plot focuses on Joseph Stalin's betrayal of the Russian Revolution. Considering its underlying political message, which remains universally relatable today, the novella has long been regarded as a timeless classic that is read by people around the world.

What prompts people from around the world to read *Animal Farm*?