*“Animal Farm is replete with subtle and not so subtle lessons on blind conformity and the misuse of power” Outline how Orwell's observations in Animal Farm are comparable to another historical situation and suggest (in conclusion) why history repeats itself regarding these issues. Use references to and quotations from the book.*

Orwell shows blind conformity a lot through the animals in *Animal Farm*. One of the main animals he uses is Benjamin. Benjamin knew what the pigs were up to because he spied on them but he didn’t do anything about it and kept doing what they were telling him to do. Boxer worked as hard as he could for the pigs because he was brainwashed. This led to him getting sick and taken to the slaughter house. After this happened Benjamin definitely knew what was happening and by far so would have the other animals. The sheep were brainwashed the most out of all the animals and they would walk around saying “four legs good, two legs bad.” This all links into Pol Pot and how he made his army of young men and they were brainwashed and scared into doing everything he said, even if it was to just kill people. Orwell is showing blind conformity in a lot of ways throughout his book and history repeats itself because blind conformity happened in Cambodia as well. (177)

* Orwell shows blind conformity a lot through the animals in *Animal Farm* (12)
* Orwell illustrates (more precise word choice) blind conformity frequently (formal) through the animals in *Animal Farm*. (11)
* One of the main animals he uses is Benjamin. (9)
* A primary example (nominalisation) is Benjamin. (5)
* Benjamin knew what the pigs were up to because he spied on them but he didn’t do anything about it and kept doing what they were telling him to do. (30)
* Benjamin understood the pigs’ aims (formal) because he closely observed their strategies (formal and more specific) but failed to act, resignedly accepting orders (formal, use of clause instead of conjunction, more precise word choice). (18)
* Boxer worked as hard as he could for the pigs because he was brainwashed. (14)
* Boxer’s indoctrination (nominalisation) by the pigs lead to his strenuous drudgery (nominalisation) on their behalf. (13)
* This led to him getting sick and taken to the slaughter house. (12)
* This resulted in his debilitating injury (nominalisation) and consequent (nominalisation and shows causality) slaughter. (9)
* After this happened Benjamin definitely knew what was happening and by far so would have the other animals. (18)
* Resultantly (formal, more precise), Benjamin clearly understood the pigs’ ruthless exploitation (more specific, formal) and unquestionably (formal), so would have the other animals. (16)
* The sheep were brainwashed the most out of all the animals and they would walk around saying “four legs good, two legs bad.” (23)
* The chant (indicative of state of mind, thus more precise), “four legs good, two legs bad” is evidence of (clear link between the 2 ideas) the widespread indoctrination (nominalisation) of the sheep (unnecessary phrase omitted). (17)
* This all links into Pol Pot and how he made his army of young men and they were brainwashed and scared into doing everything he said, even if it was to just kill people. (34)
* This corresponds (formal) to Pol Pot’s control (nominalisation) of his youthful army (use of descriptive word to condense), who were indoctrinated and intimidated (formal) into obedience (nominalisation), even consenting to murder (nominalisation). (21)
* Orwell is showing blind conformity in a lot of ways throughout his book and history repeats itself because blind conformity happened in Cambodia as well. (25)
* It is evident (clarifying point being made) history repeats itself since Cambodia succumbed to blind conformity (formal), congruent (showing clear relationship between 2 ideas) with the various (formal) historically based (needed to draw a parallel) instances of blind conformity throughout Orwell’s book. (25)

Orwell illustrates blind conformity frequently through the animals in *Animal Farm*. A primary example is Benjamin. Benjamin understood the pigs’ aims because he closely observed their strategies but failed to act, resignedly accepting orders. Boxer’s indoctrination by the pigs lead to his strenuous drudgery on their behalf. This resulted in his debilitating injury and consequent slaughter. Resultantly, Benjamin clearly understood the pigs’ ruthless exploitation and, unquestionably, so would have the other animals. The chant, “four legs good, two legs bad” is evidence of the widespread indoctrination of the sheep. This corresponds to Pol Pot’s control of his youthful army, who were indoctrinated and intimidated into obedience, even consenting to murder. It is evident history repeats itself since Cambodia succumbed to blind conformity, congruent with the various historically based instances of blind conformity throughout Orwell’s book. (135)