

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Roosevelt's statement remains relevant in all walks of life today. Unless changes to a process are made, the process, no matter what it is, will always lead to the same result. Two prime examples of life's cyclical nature are the book Animal Farm and the real-life presidential campaign of Donald Trump.

Firstly, we touch on the example of Animal Farm. The book is about a farm full of animals who hate mankind and its tyrannical tendencies. As a result, the animals overthrow the farmer and run the farm on their own, vowing never to become like man. They firmly state that no animal can "live in a house, or sleep in a bed, or wear clothes... All the habits of Man are evil." However, as the years pass, pigs take control of the farm, and they begin to grow similar to Man, an example being pigs "walking on [their] hind legs." The pigs become tyrannical like Man, and thus become the evil that they were trying to overthrow. History repeats itself in the pigs enacting the same policies that Man did.

In contrast, life's cyclical nature is also exemplified in real life events. One example of this is one specific enactment that presidential candidate Donald Trump will make if elected president: the requirement of Muslims in the US to carry ID card specifically identifying them as Muslim. This mirrors an act in Nazi Germany where Jews were required to carry ID cards identifying them as such. Both the Nazis and Trump were/are trying to "protect" against some sort of "threat." History repeats itself here in that as the world evolves and changes, the control that Trump tries to implement is a mark of the past.

In conclusion, both of the aforementioned examples show how history repeats throughout life, from politics to fictional stories. By learning from the past, one can change the future.