

# Metaphorically Picturing Epicurean Philosophy

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Here is a better definition of allegory, and it give the example of "Animal Farm" by Orwell being an allegory.

Quote

## What is an allegory?

An allegory is a [narrative story](#) that conveys a complex, abstract, or difficult message. It achieves this through storytelling. Rather than having to explain the pitfalls of arrogance and the virtues of persistence, a writer can instead tell a tale about a talking tortoise and a haughty hare.

Humans naturally gravitate toward good stories. Have you ever noticed how fiction gets the most shelf space in the bookstore? Stories are compelling. By using a story to talk about big, abstract, or difficult ideas, allegory takes advantage of our inclination toward story.

Sometimes, the message a writer wants to convey is dangerous to talk about explicitly. In these cases, allegory creates distance between the writer and the message. One famous example of this is George Orwell's 1945 novel *Animal Farm*. Orwell used a story line about farm animals to express his dissent toward the Russian government, a risky subject to discuss outright.

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