

Read Animal Farm by George Orwell.

Answer the following questions for each chapter. We will have a test on the novel the Friday we return to school. Test on book Friday, August 11.

Study Questions

Chapter 1

1. What is significant about how the animals arrange themselves as they gather to hear Old Major?
2. According to Old Major, what is the cause of all the animals' problems?
3. What motto does Major give the animals?
4. What is "Beasts of England" ? For what does it stand?

Chapter 2

5. What name did the animals give Old Major's teachings?
6. What are the seven commandments Major gives the animals?
7. What actually brought about the rebellion?
8. Who gained leadership of the animals?
9. The animals change the name of the farm from The Manor Farm to what?
10. What do the animals do about the farmhouse?

Chapters 3 and 4

11. Snowball cuts the seven commandments into one single maxim. What was the maxim?

12. What are Napoleon's ideas about education?

13. Describe the Battle of the Cowshed.

14. What was Snowball's part in this battle?

15. Where is Napoleon during the battle?

16. What is the significance of the gun's placement at the foot of the flagpole?

Chapter 5

17. Why does Mollie run away from the farm?

18. What changes have been made in the weekly meetings over the last year?

19. Explain the windmill controversy from Snowball's point of view.

20. Explain the windmill controversy from Napoleon's point of view.

21. What is the importance of the dogs accompanying Squealer when he comes to talk to the Animals?

Chapters 6 and 7

22. In what ways are the pigs beginning to behave like humans?

23. What is Squealer's task at this point?

24. Why does Napoleon decide to engage in trade with neighboring farms?

25. How is the windmill destroyed? Why does Napoleon blame Snowball?

26. Why does Napoleon insist the windmill must be rebuilt immediately?

27. Why does Napoleon order that the hens' eggs be sold?

28. How does Napoleon react when the hens' rebel against his order?

29. Why does Napoleon order the animals to stop singing "Beasts of England"?

Chapters 8 and 9

30. How is Napoleon becoming more and more like a typical dictator?

31. What makes the battle against Frederick's men different from the Battle of the Cowshed?

32. What are some signs that life is becoming unequal?

33. What happens to Boxer?

Chapter 10

34. What changes have the years brought to the farm?

35. What is the pig's work and where does it end up?

36. Throughout this chapter, the pigs become more like humans. List some of the ways.

37. What is the one and only remaining commandment?

38. At the conference with neighboring farmers, what new changes does Napoleon point out?

39. What happens to the pigs' appearance?

40. Napoleon tells them that Animal Farm is going back to its old name, Manor Farm. What is the final dramatic point Orwell makes regarding the old rulers and the new rulers?

Give a brief description of each character.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Jones

2. Old Major

3. Bluebell, Jessie and Pincher

4. Boxer

5. Clover

6. Muriel

7. Benjamin

8. Mollie

- 9. Moses
- 10. The Cat
- 11. Snowball
- 12. Napoleon
- 13. Squealer
- 14. The Sheep
- 15. Mr. Pilkington
- 16. Mr. Whymper
- 17. Mr. Fredrick

