Reading Guide questions for Animal Farm

Chapter 1 and 2

1. According to Major, what is the cause of all the animals’ problems?
2. What motto does Major give the animals?
3. What are the commandments of Animal Farm?

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4. Examine the song “Beasts of England.” What imagery does that song represent? Why do the animals memorize the song on the spot?

1. After major’s death what happened to the idea of rebelling against the man?
2. What causes the animals to finally fight against Mr. Jones and his other famers?
3. When the humans have been chased from the farm, what do the animals do next?
4. What do the animals do to the farmhouse?
5. How does the behavior of the pigs foreshadow ( give a hint as to what is to come) their future leadership position?

Chapters 3 and 4

1. What are Napoleon’s ideas about education?
2. How is Squealer able to convince the other animals to accept whatever Napoleon decides?
3. Describe the Battle of Cowshed.
4. What was Snowball’s part in this battle?
5. Where is Napoleon in this battle?

Chapter 5

1. Why does Mollie run away from the farm?
2. What changes have been made in the weekly meetings over the last year?
3. Explain the windmill argument from Snowball’s point of view.
4. Explain the windmill argument from Napoleon’s point of view.
5. What changes does napoleon make after the dogs chase Snowball off the farm?
6. Why don’t the other animals protest Napoleon’s decisions?
7. What is the importance of the dogs accompanying Squealer when he comes to talk to the animals?

Chapter 6 and 7

1. How much work are the animals doing now?
2. Why does napoleon decide to start trading with the neighboring farm?
3. How do the animals react?
4. How is the windmill destroyed? Why does Napoleon blame Snowball?
5. Why does napoleon insist that the windmill must be rebuilt immediately?
6. Why does Napoleon say that the hens’ eggs must be sold?
7. How does napoleon react when the hens rebel against his orders?
8. Why does Napoleon repeat the threat of the farm begin sabotaged by Snowball?
9. Why does Napoleon order the animals to stop singing “Beasts of England?”

Chapter 8 and 9

1. What purpose is served by the production figured Squealer read to the animals?
2. How is napoleon becoming more and more like a dictator?
3. Describe the sale of the stack of lumber. How does napoleon cause himself problems?
4. What made the battle against Fredrick’s men different from the Battle of Cowshed?
5. Why do the men blow up the windmill?
6. The animals celebrate a victory, but at what cost (loss)?
7. Why are the animals so easily fooled, even when they find Squealer with a ladder and with paint beside the barn at night? What is happening to Boxer?
8. What are the living conditions life for all the animals except the pigs and dogs?
9. What happens to Boxer?

Chapter 10.

1. What changes have the years brought to the farm?
2. What drastic actions do the pigs use to destroy the animals contentment?
3. **All seven commandments are now erased**. What is the new commandment and how has it been true from the very beginning?
4. At the conference with neighboring farmers, what new changes does Napoleon point out?
5. What happens to the pigs’ appearance?