

Animal Farm –George Orwell (1945)

Chapter 1:

1. Begin a character sketch of the following:
 - a. Boxer
 - b. Clover
 - c. Benjamin
 - d. Major
2. Explain why Major says that the animals must “work night and day, body and soul, for the overthrow of the human race.” Describe the problems the animals have been facing.
3. What is an *anthem*? What is its purpose? Explain how “Beasts of England” fits the definition of an anthem.

Chapter 2:

1. Begin a character sketch of the following:
 - a. Napoleon
 - b. Snowball
 - c. Squealer
2. Explain the reasoning behind the following commandments:
 - a. No animal shall wear clothes.
 - b. No animal shall sleep in a bed.
 - c. No animal shall drink alcohol.
3. This chapter ends with the disappearance of the day’s milk. Explain how this *may* foreshadow trouble.

Chapter 3:

1. Provide specific examples of how the animals respond to the task of getting in the harvest now that the humans are gone.
2. Explain how the animals spend Sundays.
3. Give a few examples of how the pigs are gradually acquiring privileges for themselves.
4. Briefly summarize Squealer’s explanation for the pigs’ use of the milk and apples. Which part of his explanation is the most effective in convincing the other animals to agree?

Chapter 4:

1. What is the Battle of the Cowshed? Explain how this event helped strengthen the bond between the animals. Make sure to give examples to support your answer.

Chapter 5:

1. We know that this story is an allegory of the Russian Revolution, and that most of the animals represent either specific people or *types* of people. What type of person does Molly seem to represent?
2. Re-read the paragraphs which show Napoleon's reaction to Snowball's windmill plans.
 - a. What hint is there that he actually sees the merits of the idea?
 - b. Why doesn't he bother to make an argument against the windmill at the meeting?
3. Explain what the following excerpt suggests about Napoleon's character and how he is shaping the future of Animal Farm: "It was noticed that they wagged their tails to him in the same way as the other dogs had been used to do to Mr. Jones" (29).