Animal Farm Reading Questions

Chapter 2

1. After Major’s death what happens to the idea of rebelling against man?

2. Characterize Napoleon, Snowball, Squealer, and Moses.

3. Why don’t the pigs like the pet raven Moses’ stories about Sugarcandy Mountain?

4. What causes the animals to finally rebel against Mr. Jones and his four farmhands?

5. When the humans have been chased from the farm, what do the animals do?

6. What do the animals do about the farmhouse? Why is there walk through the house significant?

7. What are the 7 Commandments? Find and write the word used on page 24 that describes these laws.

8. What early indication does Orwell give to show that not all of the animals are treated equally?

Chapter 3

9. What further examples of the difference between the pigs and the other animals occur in these two chapters?

10. What is the result of the harvest after the Rebellion and why?

11. What part do the pigs play in the harvest?

12. What is Boxer’s personal motto?

13. What are the attitudes of the following animals toward work on the farm: Mollie, the cat, and Benjamin?

14. What does Benjamin mean when he says, “None of you has ever seen a dead donkey”?

15. How are Sundays spent?

16. What committees does Snowball organize on the farm? What is the new maxim that many of the animals learn?

17. What are Napoleon’s ideas about education? How does he go about educating animals?

18. How is Squealer able to convince the other animals to accept whatever Napoleon decides?

19. What happened to the milk from Chapter 2? How does Squealer explain it?

Chapter 4

20. How has Mr. Jones been spending his time after being kicked off his farm?

21. Who are Mr. Pilkington and Mr. Frederick and how does Orwell describe each?

22. How is the relationship between these two men described?

23. How do the farmers feel about what happened at Animal Farm?

24. Describe the Battle of the Cowshed.

25. What is Snowball’s role? What does Boxer do in the battle?

26. Where is Napoleon during the battle?

27. What are the results of the Battle of the Cowshed?