

Summer Reading Assignments

Honors English 10: Read: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

Complete the Study Guide and study the novel. Be ready to discuss on the first day of school.

You will increase your understanding, and have a valuable tool for test review.

Chapters 1-2

1. What human characteristics (other than speed) has Orwell given to:
Old Major
Boxer
Mollie
Benjamin
Snowball
Napoleon
2. Why was Old Major so respected?
What noble ideals are set forth in his dream?
Why are the animals so excited about singing "Beasts of England"?
3. Why were the pigs immediately accepted as leaders?
What was their motive for rebellion?
4. Who formulated the Seven Commandments? Was it done in a democratic way?
5. How well do the commandments reflect the ideas expressed in Old Major's speech?

Chapter 3

1. Did the pigs help the other animals work on the harvest?
2. Who did the animals admire the most?
3. What became his slogan?
4. Which two animals were not considered by the other animals to be good workers?
5. Which animal's character didn't seem to change at all after the Rebellion?
6. What three things happened on Sundays?
7. What did the Animal Farm flag look like? To what would it compare historically?
8. At the meetings, who never seemed to agree?
9. Who formed the animals into committees?
10. How literate were the animals? Why would literacy be an issue?
11. Who declared that the Seven Commandments could be condensed into one? What was this one maxim? Which animals would repeat this for hours?
12. Who took Jessie's and Bluebell's pups to "educate" them?
13. What had happened to the missing milk? The apples? What was Squealer's explanation?
14. What, according to Squealer, would happen if the pigs failed in their duties?
15. How do you think the disappearance of the milk and apples foreshadows future events?

16. Give some examples of the pigs' clever use of language to gain their own ends.
17. How are the animals better off after the Rebellion?
18. How are they worse off?

Chapter 4

1. How was word sent to animals on neighboring farms?
2. Name and describe the neighbors on either side of the farm.
3. How did rebelliousness show itself on other farms?
4. Early in October, Jones and men from Foxwood and Pinchfield attempted to take over Animal Farm. Who warned the animals?
5. Who has been studying Julius Caesar's campaign strategies? What was he in charge of?
6. Describe the Battle of the Cowshed.
7. Who said, "The only good human is a dead one"?
8. Who's discovered missing? Where was she found?
9. What military decorations were created? Who received them?
10. What are the anniversary dates of the Rebellion and the Battle of the Cowshed?

Chapter 5

1. What did Mollie do wrong? Where did she finally go?
2. Describe the violent debates that began to take place between Snowball and Napoleon.
3. What did Napoleon train the sheep to do with "Four legs good, two legs bad"?
4. Describe the controversy over the windmill. Why would the animals be in favor of it? Who was against it and why? Who didn't take a side on it?
5. How did Napoleon ruin Snowball's plans?
6. When Napoleon and Snowball disagreed on defense tactics, with whom did the animals agree?
7. What happened just as Snowball had the animals agreeing with him?
8. Where had the nine dogs come from?
9. What happened to Sunday meetings and debates?
10. Why was Squealer sent around to explain the new setup?
11. How did the animals react?
12. What is Boxer's new slogan?
13. To what did the animals now have to show reverence?
14. Why is it important that Napoleon, Squealer, and Minimus now sit above the other animals?
15. What do the animals learn three weeks later?
16. Why does Napoleon say he pretended to be against the windmill?
17. Who helped Squealer persuade the animals that Napoleon was right?

Chapter 6

1. In August, Napoleon announced that there would be work on Sundays. It would be strictly voluntary, but what would happen if the animals didn't work?

2. The animals were working like slaves on the windmill, yet they were happy. Why?
3. What was the main problem with building the windmill, and how was it solved?
4. How did Boxer lend extra help with the windmill?
5. Everything was operating smoothly until the animals discovered shortages of what?
6. What new policy did Napoleon announce regarding obtaining articles the farm needed?
7. What things might have to be sold in order to buy things for the windmill?
8. How would the dealings with humans be accomplished? What is a broker?
9. Describe Mr. Whymper.
10. Who set the record straight that the animals never had passed a rule against dealing with humans?
11. Why are the humans now calling the farm by its new name?
12. What rumors are circulating about Napoleon and his business agreements?
13. The pigs move where? Why is this important?
14. How did Squealer manipulate the language of the Fourth Commandment?
15. Why do the pigs get up an hour later now?
16. What happened to the windmill when it was half built?
17. What do you believe happened to the windmill? Who is being blamed?

Chapter 7

1. Why is the windmill rebuilt with walls three feet thick?
2. Who never loses heart in spite of worsening conditions?
3. Food falls short in January and starvation seems near, but it is important to whom not to let the outside world know?
4. What tricks are used to fool Mr. Whymper?
5. Give some examples of how Napoleon is becoming a dictator?
6. The chickens must surrender their eggs now. While their rebellion takes place, nine hens die. What are the other animals told about the nine hens?
7. Where is Snowball said to be living now?
8. What tactics does Napoleon use when negotiating the sale of the pile of lumber?
9. What animals disagreed with the explanation that Snowball was Jones' secret agent from the very beginning?
10. What explanation does Boxer accept?
11. Describe the confessions and executions.
12. What is Boxer's answer to the slaughter of other animals?
13. Give an example of Cliver's blind acceptance.
14. What explanation is given for banning "Beasts of England"? What replaced it?
15. What always drowned out any animals who protested?

Chapter 8

1. What is the significance of the poem about Napoleon?
2. How has the Sixth Commandment been changed?
3. What is important about the rumor of Mr. Frederick's cruelty to his animals?
4. What is the slogan of the pigeons now?
5. What else is Snowball being blamed for?

6. Why is it ironic that the windmill is named after Napoleon?
7. Why is a death sentence decreed upon Frederick?
8. Describe the Battle of the Windmill in order of events.
9. What is ironic about their victory celebration?
10. What is the result of the pigs' discovery of whiskey?
11. What will the retirees' pasture now be used for?
12. Why is Squealer out at midnight with a ladder and paint brush?

Chapter 9

1. How is Boxer hurt? Who helps him?
2. How far away is Boxer's supposed retirement?
3. What word does Squealer use to describe the reduced rations?
4. Do the animals still believe they are free?
5. What special rights do pigs gain in this chapter?
6. What is ironic about the pigs gaining so much weight?
7. What is a Spontaneous Demonstration? What is the purpose?
8. Why was Napoleon elected president?
9. What propaganda is spread about Snowball's wound in the Battle of the Cowshed?
10. What is significant about the reappearance of Moses?
11. What type of building is going on now?
12. Why does Napoleon make arrangements to send Boxer to a "hospital"?
13. How do the pigs explain the knacker's truck? Do the animals believe them?
14. How do the pigs continue to use Boxer's strength after his death?
15. Where did the pigs get the money for the case of whiskey?

Chapter 10

1. Who is left after all these years?
2. Has anyone retired? Do you think anyone ever will?
3. What has happened to the animals' promised rewards?
4. What do the pigs have to work on, according to Squealer?
5. What does Benjamin remember about the past?
6. What new song does Napoleon now have Squealer teach the sheep? Why?
7. What does the wall of commandments now say?
8. What is the similarity between Napoleon and Jones?
9. Describe the conversation at the card game.
10. What is the final irony at the end of the novel?