

Summer Reading Assignment 8th Grade ELA: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

Assignment Overview

This summer, you will read and complete comprehension questions of *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, a powerful allegorical novella about farm animals who rebel against their human farmer. As you read, carefully consider the characters, their actions, and the deeper meaning behind the events in the narrative. You may access the book through Follett Destiny in your Launchpad, where unlimited copies are available as an eBook. Alternatively, you may purchase a physical copy from a second-hand bookstore (such as 2nd & Charles) or an online retailer (such as Amazon).



Comprehension Questions

Please answer the following questions in **complete sentences**. Your responses should be thoughtful and show that you read and understood the book.

Chapters 1-2

1. What is Old Major's dream, and what message does he share with the other animals?
2. What are the Seven Commandments, and why do the animals create them?
3. How do the pigs begin to show leadership after the Rebellion?

Chapters 3-4

4. Describe how the animals organize their work after the Rebellion. Is the system fair?
5. What happens during the Battle of the Cowshed? Who are the heroes?
6. How does Snowball contribute to life on Animal Farm?

Chapters 5-6

7. What is the conflict between Snowball and Napoleon? How is it resolved?
8. How does Napoleon use the dogs to gain power?
9. What changes does Napoleon make to the farm after Snowball leaves?
10. How do the animals' lives begin to change in Chapter 6?

Chapters 7-8

11. What happens to the animals who confess to crimes? Why is this significant?
12. How does Squealer manipulate the truth throughout the story?
13. Describe the Battle of the Windmill. What is the outcome?

Chapters 9-10

14. What happens to Boxer? How do the other animals react?
15. How have the pigs changed by the end of the novel?
16. What is the significance of the final scene where the pigs and humans are playing cards together?

Reflection Questions

17. What do you think the farm represents in the story? What might the animals and humans symbolize?
18. How does power change the pigs throughout the novel?
19. What is the most important lesson or theme you took away from *Animal Farm*?
20. Do you think the animals are better off at the end of the story than they were at the beginning? Why or why not?

Reading Schedule

To help you stay on track this summer, follow this reading schedule:

Week 1: Chapters 1-2

Week 2: Chapters 3-4

Week 3: Chapters 5-6

Week 4: Chapters 7-8

Week 5: Chapters 9-10

Week 6: Review your notes and complete all comprehension questions

What to Turn In

- **Typed or neatly handwritten answers** to all 20 questions

- **Your name and grade 8** at the top of your assignment

Have a wonderful summer, and happy reading! 

💡 **Due Date:** First day of school or Open House