

George Orwell's

Animal Farm



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Satire

Fable

Allegory



Theme

Symbols

Historical Background

Capitalism

Socialism

Communism

Czarist government

Totalitarianism

The Russian Revolution



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Characters

Napoleon

Snowball

Boxer

Squealer

Old Major

Clover

Moses

Mollie

Benjamin

Muriel

Mr. Jones

Mr. Frederick

Mr. Pilkington

Mr. Whympers

Jessie and Bluebell

Minimus

Match them up

Czar Nicholas II	
Karl Marx	
Communism	
Leon Trotsky	
Joseph Stalin	
Propaganda Department	
KGB—Secret Police	
Religion	
Vain, selfish people	
Dedicated communist supporters	
Skeptics	
Russian Revolution	



Beasts of England

Beasts of England! Beasts of Ireland!
Beasts of land and sea and skies!
Hear the hoofbeats of tomorrow!
See the golden future rise!

How does the life of an animal pass?
In endless drudgery.
What's the first lesson an animal learns?
To endure its slavery.
How does the life of an animal end?
In cruel butchery.

Beasts of England! Beasts of Ireland!
Beasts of land and sea and skies!
Hear the hoofbeats of tomorrow!
See the golden future rise!

Now the day of beasts is coming,
Tyrant man shall lose his throne
And the shining fields of England
Shall be trod by beasts alone.

Pull the rings from out your noses
Tear the saddle from your back!
Bit and spur must rust forever,
Cruel whips no more shall crack.

Beasts of England, seize the prizes,
Wheat and barley, oats and hay,
Clover, beans and mangel wurzel
Shall be ours upon that day.

The 7 Commandments



Propaganda

Vocabulary

scullery

mincing

tyranny

enmity

dissentients

pre-eminent

expounded

spinney

unalterable

grudging

parasitical

obstinate

cryptic

tractable

irrepressible

ignominious

posthumously

pretext

factions

sordid

disinterred

laborious

chaff

capitulated

countenance

knacker

Chapter One

1. Who owns Manor Farm?
2. What problem does he have?
3. Who is Old Major?
4. Why does Old Major assemble the animals?
5. List the ideals outlined by Old Major that should occur after the rebellion.
6. What broke up the meeting?

Chapter Two

1. Who are the three main pigs?
2. What is the system of thought that the pigs come up with from Old Major's teaching?
3. What are some of the problems that the animals encounter as they discuss the coming rebellion?
4. What two leaders emerge after the rebellion?
5. What happens to the farmhouse?
6. What have the pigs been doing for the past three months?

7. Who came up with the Seven Commandments?
8. What seems funny about the working conditions after the rebellion?
9. Who was taking the milk?
10. Who was sent to explain why the milk was being used by the pigs?
11. Discuss one of the arguments that he used to explain why the milk was going to the pigs?

Chapter Three

1. How well did the animals work together?
2. Are all the animals equal? Explain.
3. How do you know that there are already problems in the leadership of the new government?
4. Who among the workers is most admired? Why?

Chapter Four

1. How did Napoleon and Snowball spread the news of the rebellion to the animals on neighboring farms?
2. Did Pilkington and Frederick offer to help Jones at first?

3. How did they react to their own animals singing "Beasts of England?"
4. What is the battle called when Jones and his friends try to retake Animal Farm?
5. Where was Mollie during the battle?
6. Where did Snowball learn his battle techniques?
7. Why did Snowball give the sound for retreat?
8. What makes Boxer seem particularly human and lovable?
9. What does Napoleon tell Boxer that shows him to be ruthless?
10. Name two human rituals that the animals use to celebrate their victory.

Chapter Five

1. If Mollie was a person, what would she be like?
2. To what does the power struggle between Napoleon and Snowball relate historically?
3. What idea did Snowball have to improve conditions on the farm?

4. What slogans did the animals come up with?

5. How does Napoleon deal with Snowball after the meeting about the windmill? Explain thoroughly.

6. Which of the 7 Commandments is no longer being followed?

7. Name one change that is made after Snowball is kicked out. Who convinces the animals that Napoleon was actually helping them?

8. What phrase stops arguments among the animals?

9. What two phrases does Boxer use frequently?

10. When Squealer explains about the windmill at the end of the chapter, what causes the animals to go along with his explanation?

Chapter Six

1. What is ironic about the animals working on the windmill on Sundays?

2. Why was the windmill so hard to build?

3. Without whom would the windmill have been impossible?

4. What did Napoleon tell the hens about giving up their eggs?

5. How is Snowball used as a scapegoat?
6. Which commandment is changed and how?

Chapter Seven

1. What was one of the strongest motivations for completing the rebuilding of the windmill?
2. Why did it finally become necessary for the hens to surrender all their eggs?
3. What did the hens do to rebel against this?
4. What else is revealed about Snowball?
5. What do the confession and executions of the pigs, hens, goose, and sheep symbolize? Which of the commandments does this violate?
6. What does Boxer think was the cause of the frightening slaughter of fellow animals? What is his solution?

Chapter Eight

1. What title does Napoleon take?
2. What is the outcome of the attack on Animal Farm?

Chapter Nine

1. What species of animal is increasing in number? Decreasing?
2. Why are only the young pigs being educated, and why are they discouraged from playing with other young animals?
3. How was the president of the New Republic elected?
4. What happens to Boxer? Why is this so tragic?
5. How did the pigs use Boxer's death to get the animals to work harder?

Chapter Ten

1. What did the animals see that they couldn't believe?
2. How do the Commandments change?
3. What are some of the other changes that place on Animal Farm?

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