

Chapter 5 Animal Farm Questions

Choose four of the following questions to answer. Be sure to use Q-A format. Use the book to help answer the questions.

1. Why does Mollie leave the farm? Give evidence to support your inference. How do the animals react to her leaving? What is your reaction to this?
2. Explain Napoleon's approach compared to Snowball's approach to the farm's defense. How would Snowball's plan work? Which plan do you think would be most effective & why?
3. Why does Snowball want to build a windmill? What benefits does he claim it will bring? What is Napoleon's original reaction to the windmill and why? What does he claim their focus should be? Whom do you agree with and why?
4. How does Napoleon gain power and take over the farm? Give details of the scene. What is the animals' reaction to this scene with Snowball? What is your reaction?
5. Once Napoleon has gained control of the farm, how does he change things? Give specific examples from the book. How do the animals respond to the changes? In particular, why do you think Napoleon ends the Sunday meetings?
6. Why do you think Napoleon directs the sheep to bleat out the slogan at certain times? What impact does it have?
7. What is Boxer's new maxim? Why does he change his maxim? What does this indicate about Boxer's personality? What might he symbolize?
8. Note the change in the way the animals now sit in the barn. How is their arrangement different now? What does this indicate? How do they respond to it?
9. What slogans develop around the windmill? How are slogans used in our lives? Give examples of slogans we see around us and use today. How do they impact our behavior?
10. Squealer strikes again! How does he justify Napoleon's actions this time? Be specific in your answer, using examples from the book. Do the animals believe him?
11. Is Snowball a criminal? Is his bravery really exaggerated? Why does Squealer say these things? Does it work? What will happen to these stories as evolve?