

Chapter 1 Questions:

- 1:** What are the different ways in which the animals behave as they come into the barn? What does this tell us about them?
- 2:** What are your impressions of Benjamin, the donkey?
- 3:** Why do the dogs try to kill the rats?
- 4:** What is Major's main idea? In what different ways does he repeat this idea?
- 5:** 'Beasts of England' is sung very enthusiastically by the animals. Why? Why is it easy to remember for even the stupidest of them?

Chapter 2 Questions:

- 1:** How have the pigs 'elaborated old Major's teachings into a complete system of thought'? What differences are there between the 7 commandments and what Major tells the animals not to do?
- 2:** Do you think the questions asked by the animals in the education classes are 'foolish'?
- 3:** Why do you think that Orwell chooses to call Boxer and Clover the pigs' 'most faithful disciples'?
- 4:** Why does the rebellion happen? Does this tell us anything about the influence of Animalism on the animals?
- 5:** Why do you think Orwell has Snowball make mistakes in his writing?

Chapter 3 Questions:

- **1:** What difficulties did the animals have in gathering in the harvest and how did they overcome these difficulties? Is all going well?
- **2:** What does the behaviour of Mollie, the cat and Benjamin tell us about their attitudes to the rebellion?
- **3:** Why do you think Snowball's various projects, except the reading and writing classes, were 'failures'?
- **4:** What degrees of success do the different animals have in learning to read and write? What does this tell us about their characters?
- **5:** What kind of people do you think the sheep represent?

Chapter 4 Questions:

- 1:** What are the differences between the characters of Frederick and Pilkington and between the farms they run?
- 2:** How does Orwell indicate the Frederick and Pilkington are 'thoroughly frightened' by the events on Animal Farm?
- 3:** What was Napoleon doing during the battle of cowshed?
- 4:** What do you think Orwell was satirising (making fun of) when he described how the animals celebrated their victory?
- 5:** What the different reactions of Boxer and Snowball to the 'death' of the stable boy tell us about their characters?