

CHAPTER IX

PRE-READING

INSTRUCTIONS: Create one sentence for each word below. Compare your sentences with a partner.

Useful Vocabulary

complicity- n. the state of being involved with others in an illegal activity or wrongdoing

knacker- n. someone who buys old things and breaks them up to recover the materials in them

poultice- n. a soft, moist mass of material, typically of plant material or flour, applied to the body to relieve soreness and inflammation

dignity- n. the state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect

spontaneous- adj. happening or arising without apparent external cause

republic- n. a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives

falter- v. start to lose strength or momentum

interment- n. the burial of a corpse in a grave or tomb, typically with funeral rites

Predictions

1. What do you think will become of Boxer? Will he recover from his injuries? If not, what do you think will happen?
2. Do you believe the animals will have the motivation to rebuild the windmill and support themselves?



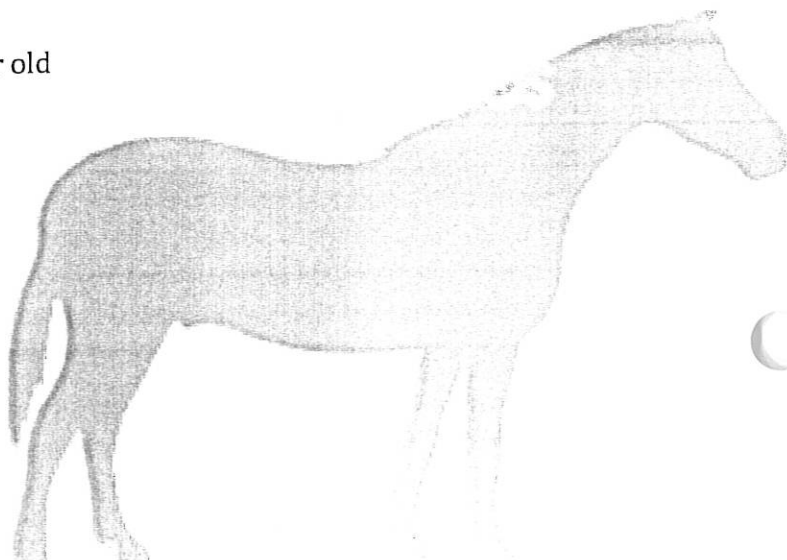
COMPREHENSION

Choose the best answer.

1. Why was Boxer not feeling well at the beginning of the chapter?
 - A. He was poisoned by Snowball.
 - B. He was being lazy.
 - C. He was wounded in the Battle of the Windmill.
2. What did Boxer NOT want the animals to know?
 - A. That he was talking with Snowball.
 - B. That he was in pain.
 - C. That he and Clover were in love.
3. First the orchard was promised to the animals. Later, only a small corner of the pasture was promised to them. For what was this piece of land promised?
 - A. As a place for them to retire to when they are old.
 - B. As a place to have horse races.
 - C. As a place to build a second windmill.
4. How are the piglets treated?
 - A. Equal to all the other animals.
 - B. More important than the other animals.
 - C. Worse than the other animals.
5. Which animal is allowed to return to Animal Farm?
 - A. Moses
 - B. Snowball
 - C. Mollie
6. Boxer is almost twelve years old. What is he looking forward to when he turns twelve?
 - A. Retiring in the pasture set aside for old animals.
 - B. A big birthday party held in the farmhouse.
 - C. Being old enough to drink beer.
7. Benjamin is upset because
 - A. The pasture set aside for retirement age has been reduced.
 - B. Napoleon has gotten drunk again.
 - C. He knows Boxer is being taken away to be killed.
8. The pigs say that Boxer went where?
 - A. To Pinchfield Farm.
 - B. To the Willingdon animal hospital.
 - C. To the farmhouse.
9. The author writes that it was not possible for Boxer's remains to be returned to the farm. This is because
 - A. He was already buried in Willingdon.
 - B. He was very badly hurt, and seeing the remains would upset the animals too much.
 - C. Boxer was killed and his remains were used to make glue.

Answer the questions.

10. Why must rations be reduced again?
11. Why did the hens have so few chicks?
12. What privileges do the pigs now enjoy?
13. How was the president of the new Republic elected?
14. How did the pigs use Boxer's death to get the animals to work harder?



DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think that only the young pigs are being educated?
2. Should everyone be educated at the farm, or would this lead to any problems?
3. Do you think it was fair how the president of the new republic was elected? Would you have done it another way?
4. How has Boxer changed? Who really cares about Boxer and how do they show it?
5. Was it fair what happened to Boxer? If you were the leader, what would you have done with Boxer?



WHO?

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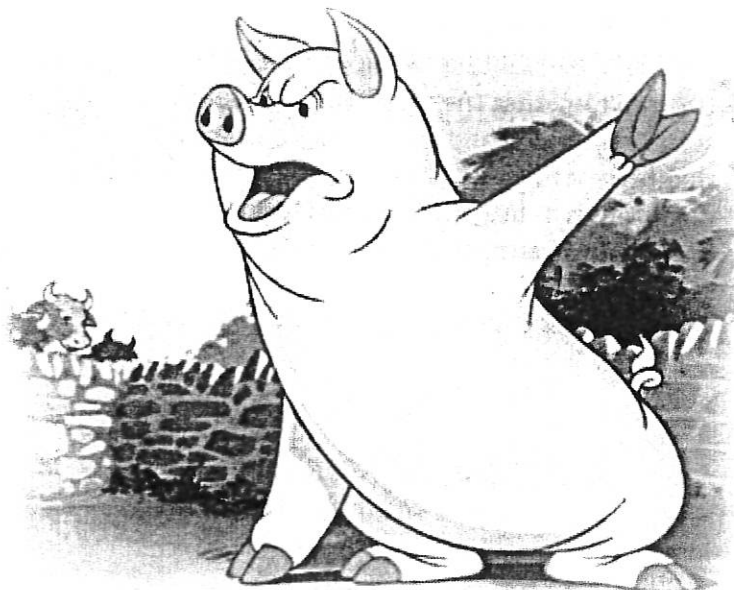
1. "Fools! Fools! Fools! Do you not see what is written on the side of that van?"
2. [He] had commanded that once a week there should be held something called a Spontaneous Demonstration
3. It now appeared that [he] had not, as the animals had previously imagined, merely attempted to lose the Battle of the Cowshed by means of a stratagem, but had been openly fighting on Jones' side.
4. In the middle of the summer [he] suddenly reappeared on the farm, after an absence of several years.
5. "Up there, comrades," he would say solemnly, pointing to the sky with his large beak — "up there, just on the other side of that dark cloud that you can see — there it lies, Sugarcandy Mountain..."

MAKING INFERENCES

What's the Reader's Job?

Orwell expects that you'll fill in essential information that the animals miss; he assumes that you'll make **inferences**. It's an unwritten partnership between writer and reader. Even though the animals don't seem to know what is being done to them, you're able to understand.

Inference - (n): In logic, the process of making conclusions from premises known or assumed to be true.



INSTRUCTIONS: Read the following passages from Chapter IX. In your notebook, explain the inferences and insights you can make that the characters can't.

- A. Meanwhile life was hard. The winter was as cold as the last one had been, and food was even shorter. Once again all rations were reduced, except those of the pigs and dogs. A too rigid equality in rations, Squealer explained, would have been contrary to the principles of Animalism.
- B. In April, Animal Farm was proclaimed a Republic, and it became necessary to elect a President. There was only one candidate, Napoleon, who was elected unanimously. On the same day it was given out that fresh documents had been discovered which revealed further details about Snowball's complicity with Jones. It now appeared that Snowball had not, as the animals had previously imagined, merely attempted to lose the Battle of the Cowshed by means of a stratagem, but had been openly fighting on Jones' side.

CHAPTER X

PRE-READING

INSTRUCTIONS: Match the words with their definitions.

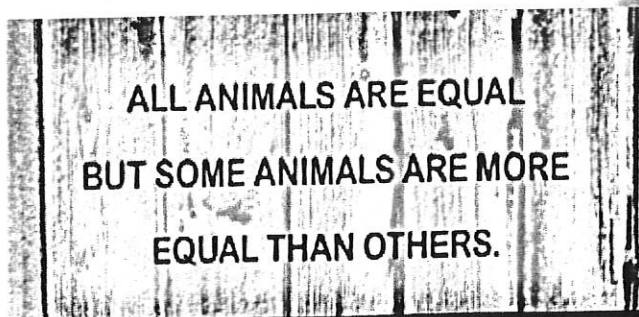
Useful Vocabulary

1. **insoluble**- adj.
2. **unalterable**- adj.
3. **frugally**- adv.
4. **prosperous**- adj.
5. **admiration**- n.
6. **subsist**- v.

- a. to maintain or support oneself at a minimal level
- b. entailing little expense; requiring few resources
- c. impossible to solve
- d. successful in material terms; flourishing financially
- e. respect and warm approval
- f. not capable of being changed or altered

Predictions

1. This is the last chapter of the book. How do you think things will end up for the pigs, the other animals and the humans?
2. Do you think that the pigs will be successful in the end, or do you believe that they will fall and be in a worse position than the other animals they have been abusing? How and why?



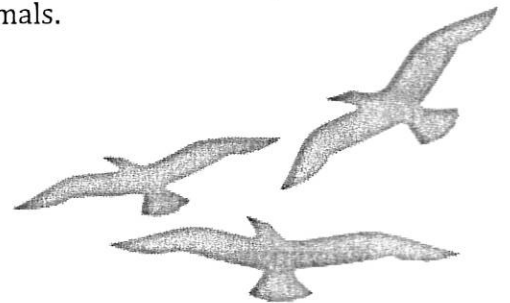
COMPREHENSION

Choose the best answer.

1. When does Chapter X take place?
 - A. A few days after Boxer was killed.
 - B. A few months after Boxer was killed.
 - C. Many years after Boxer was killed.
2. How many animals have been allowed to retire?
 - A. One animal.
 - B. No animals.
 - C. Twelve animals.
3. Why do the animals have difficulty remembering the Rebellion and the ideas of Animalism?
 - A. They do not want to remember.
 - B. They are being tricked by Snowball and the other humans.
 - C. Now there are so many animals on the farm who were born or bought after the Rebellion.
4. The windmill is NOT used to
 - A. Make the animals' lives easier.
 - B. Grind corn.
 - C. Make money for the pigs.
5. What terrified Clover and the other animals?
 - A. The windmill fell down again.
 - B. Frederick and Pilkington were attacking Animal Farm again.
 - C. The sight of Squealer and the pigs walking on two legs.
6. What keeps the animals from protesting?
 - A. The dogs' barking.
 - B. The sheep's singing.
 - C. The wind's howling.
7. Squealer has changed the sheep's song from "Four legs good, two legs bad" into
 - A. "Two legs good, four legs better."
 - B. "Four legs good, four wheels better."
 - C. "Four legs good, two legs better."
8. What has replaced the Seven Commandments on the barn wall?
 - A. "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."
 - B. "Long live Emperor Napoleon!"
 - C. "All animals are equal, yet everywhere they are in chains."
9. What announcement does Napoleon NOT make?
 - A. The pigs own the farm.
 - B. The name of the farm will be changed back to Manor Farm.
 - C. The Rebellion will spread to other farms.
10. Why do Napoleon and Pilkington begin to fight each other?
 - A. Someone was found to be cheating at cards.
 - B. Pilkington is afraid Napoleon will attack his farm.
 - C. Napoleon does not like how Pilkington treats his animals.

DISCUSSION

1. How does Orwell make fun of bureaucracy?
2. How do the animals now feel about their society on the farm? Why do they feel this way?
3. All Seven Commandments are erased. What is the new commandment and how has it been true from the beginning?
4. What changes have the years brought to the farm?
5. At the conference with neighboring farmers, what new changes does Napoleon point out?



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1. "Even when I was young I could not have read what was written there."
2. "Four legs good, two legs better!"
3. "Gentlemen, here is my toast: To the prosperity of the Manor Farm!"
4. There were very many of them, and their appetites were always good.
5. Majestically upright, casting haughty glances from side to side.
6. He believed that he was right in saying that the lower animals on Animal Farm did more work and received less food than any animals in the county.

CHAPTER VIII-X REVIEW/REFLECTION

RESPOND

Respond to the question using your own words.

How do you feel after reading the end of the novel? For example, do you find it uplifting, depressing, cynical? Explain.

RECALL AND INTERPRET

1. What dealings does Napoleon have with Frederick and Pilkington? How does the battle over the windmill affect the animals?
2. What happens to Boxer and how do the other animals learn of his fate? How do they come to a final conclusion about these events?

LITERATURE AND WRITING

Evaluate and Connect

1. In Chapter X the pigs begin to walk on two legs. In your opinion is this evolution a sign of progress? Explain.
2. Some critics believe that, at the end of the book, Orwell suggests that the pigs and human political leaders are interchangeable. Do you think most government rulers are interchangeable?
3. How might power change those who have it? Explain.

Newspaper Article

Imagine that you had to write a newspaper article for Animal Farm. Analyze the descriptions of Napoleon's physical and behavioral characteristics found in Chapters IX and X. On a separate sheet of paper, use these details to write a profile of Napoleon for Animal Farm's local newspaper.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Animal Farm contains many extremely effective scenes. Some are humorous or witty, others are