**Animal Farm**

**Reading Guide**

**Directions: As you read the novel, answer the following questions. Please answer in complete, grammatically correct sentences and support your responses with details from the novel (include page numbers).**

**Chapters III & IV**

1. What further examples of the difference between the pigs and the other animals occur in these two chapters?
2. What are Napoleon’s ideas about education?
3. How is Squealer able to convince the other animals to accept whatever Napoleon decides?
4. Describe the Battle of the Cowshed.
5. What was Snowball’s part in this battle?
6. Where is Napoleon during the battle?
7. What is the significance of the gun’s placement at the foot of the flagpole?

**Chapter V**

1. Why does Mollie run away from the farm

2. What changes have been made in the weekly meetings over the last year?

3. Explain the windmill controversy from Snowball’s point of view

4. Explain the windmill controversy from Napoleon’s point of view

5. What changes does Napoleon make after his dogs chase Snowball off the farm?

6. Why don’t the other animals protest Napoleon’s decisions?

7. Note how the animals now arrange themselves when they enter the barn to receive their orders as compared to the description in Chapter I?

8.What is the importance of the dogs accompanying Squealer when he comes to talk to the animals?

Make a list of all the changes that occur in this chapter. What do you notice about the balance of power on the farm from your readings?

**CHAPTERS VI AND VII**

1. How much work are the animals now doing?

2. Why does Napoleon decide to engage in trade with neighboring farms?

3. How do the animals react?

4. How is the windmill destroyed? Why does Napoleon blame Snowball?

5. Why does Napoleon insist the windmill must be rebuilt immediately

6. Why does Napoleon order that the hens’ eggs be sold

7. How does Napoleon react when the hens’ rebel against his orders?

8. Why does Napoleon revive the threat of the farm being sabotaged by Snowball?

9. Explain why the animals confessed to being traitors. Or is there any explanation?

10. Why does Napoleon order the animals to stop singing “Beasts of England?”

**CHAPTERS VIII AND IX**

1. What purpose is served by the production figures Squealer reads to the animals?

2. How is Napoleon becoming more and more like a typical dictator?

3. Compare/contrast the poem “Comrade Napoleon” to “Beast of England.”

4. Describe the sale of the stack of lumber. How does Napoleon outwit himself?

5. What makes the battle against Frederick’s men different from the Battle of the Cowshed?

6. Why do the men blow up the windmill?

7. The animals celebrate a victory, but at what cost?

8. Describe the whisky incident. Why would Orwell make this scene somewhat humorous?

9. Why are the animals so easily fooled, even when they find Squealer with a ladder and white paint beside the barn at night?

10. What is happening to Boxer

11. What are living conditions like for all of the animals except the pigs and dogs?

12. Why does Napoleon allow Moses to return and to tell his stories about Sugarcandy Mountain?

**Chapter X**

1. What changes have the years brought to the farm?

2. How does Orwell make fun of bureaucracy

3. How do the animals no feel about their social order, their farm?

4. What drastic actions do the pigs use to shatter the animals’ complacency?

5. All seven commandments are erased. What is the new commandment and how has it been true from the beginning?

6. At the conference with neighboring farmers, what new changes does Napoleon point out?

7. What happensto the pigs’ appearance?