1. Who owns Manor Farm? What problem does he have?

2. Who is Old Major?

3. Why does Old Major assemble the animals?

4. How do the animals arrange themselves as they gather to hear Old Major speak?

5. According to Major, what is the cause of all the animals’ problems?

6. To what does Old Major point to show that there are opportunities for the animals to run the farm on their own?

7. What motto does Major give the animals?

8. List the ideals or commandments outlined by Old Major that should prevail after the rebellion:
   A.
   B.
   C.
   D.
   E.
   F.
   G.
   H.
   I.
   J.

9. What broke up the meeting?

10. To what political figure in Russian history does Jones correspond?

Chapter 2

1. Who are the three main pigs?

2. Why were the pigs immediately accepted as leaders?

3. The pigs formulate the teachings of Old Major into a system of thought. What is it called?

4. What problems are encountered as the animals begin to discuss the coming rebellion?

5. What problems does the pet Raven, Moses, cause?
6. What causes the animals to finally rebel against Mr. Jones and his four farmhands?

7. What two leaders emerge after the rebellion?

8. When the humans have been chased from the farm, what do the animals do?

9. What is done with the farmhouse?

10. What have the pigs been doing for the past three months?

11. Who formulated the Seven Commandments?

12. What are the Seven Commandments?
   1.
   2.
   3.
   4.
   5.
   6.
   7.

13. What is ironic about the working conditions after the rebellion?

14. What or who do the three pigs represent from the Russian Revolution?

Chapter 3

grudging          obstinate
parasitical       cryptic

1. Did the pigs help the other animals work on the harvest?

2. Who did the animals admire the most?

3. What became his slogan?

4. Which two animals were not considered by the others to be good workers?

5. What three things happened on Sundays?

6. What did the Animal Farm flag look like?

7. At the meetings, who never seemed to agree?

8. Who formed the animals into committees?
9. How literate were the animals?

10. Why would literacy be an issue?

11. Who declared that the Seven Commandments could be condensed into one?

12. What is this one commandment?

13. Who would repeat this commandment for hours?

14. Who took the puppies to educate them?

15. What happened to the missing milk? What happened to the apples?

16. What was Squealer’s explanation?

17. What, according to Squealer, would happen if the pigs failed their duties?

18. How do you think that the disappearance of the milk and apples foreshadows future events?

19. Give some examples of the pigs’ clever use of language to gain their own ends.

20. How are the animals better off after the rebellion?

21. How are they worse off?

Chapter 4

tractable  ignominious
irrepressible  posthumously

1. How was word sent to animals on neighboring farms?

2. Name and describe the neighbors on either side of the farm.

3. How did rebelliousness show itself on the other farms?

4. Early in October, Jones and men from Pinchfield and Foxwood attempted to take over Animal Farm. Who warned the animals?

5. Describe the Battle of the Cowshed.
6. From where did Snowball learn battle techniques?

7. What was Snowball in charge of?

8. Why did Snowball give the sound for retreat?

9. What makes Boxer seem particularly human and lovable?

10. Who said, “The only good human is a dead one”?

11. Who is discovered missing? Where was she found?

12. What military decorations were created?

13. Who received them?

14. What human rituals did the animals use to celebrate their victory?

15. What are the anniversary dates of the Rebellion and the Battle of the Cowshed?

Chapter 5

1. What did Mollie do wrong? Where did she finally go?

2. What did Napoleon train the sheep to do with “Four legs good, two legs bad”?

3. What idea did Snowball have to improve conditions on the farm?

4. Why were the animals in favor of it?

5. Who was against it and why?

6. How did Napoleon ruin Snowball’s plans?

7. When Napoleon and Snowball disagreed on defense tactics, with whom did the animals agree?

8. What happened just as Snowball had the animals agreeing with him?

9. Where had the nine dogs come from?
10. What is significant about the dogs wagging their tails at Napoleon?

11. What changes are made after Snowball is ousted?

12. What is Boxer’s new slogan?

13. To what did the animals now have to show reverence?

14. Why is it important that Napoleon, Squealer, and Minimus now sit above the other animals?

15. What do the animals learn three weeks later?

16. Why does Napoleon say he pretended to be against the windmill?

17. Who helped Squealer persuade the animals that Napoleon was right?

18. What phrase always stopped any arguments from the animals?

19. Who do the fierce dogs symbolize?

Chapter 6

1. In August, Napoleon announced that there would be work on Sundays. It would be strictly voluntary, but what would happen if the animals didn’t work?

2. Why were the animals willing to work like slaves on the windmill?

3. What was the main problem with building the windmill

4. How was this problem solved?

5. Without whom would the windmill have been impossible?

6. How did Boxer lend extra help with the windmill?

7. Why is the phrase “even the pigs joined in at critical moments” important?

8. Everything was operating smoothly until the animals discovered shortages of what?

9. What new policy did Napoleon announce regarding obtaining articles the farm needed?
10. What was the reaction of some of the animals?

11. What things might have to be sold in order to buy things for the windmill?

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

13. What is a broker?

14. Why are the humans now calling the farm by its new name?

15. What rumors are circulating about Napoleon and his business dealings?

16. What other habit have the pigs adopted that bothers the animals, Clover in particular?

17. Which commandment is changed and how?

18. Why do the pigs get up an hour later now?

19. What happened to the windmill when it was half built?

20. Who is being blamed and what is the proof?

21. What do you know for sure about the sabotage of the windmill?

Chapter 7

1. What was one of the strongest motivations for completing the rebuilding of the windmill?

2. Why is the windmill rebuilt with walls three feet thick?

3. Who never loses heart in spite of worsening conditions?

4. What tricks are used to fool Mr. Whymper?

5. Give two examples of how Napoleon is becoming a dictator.

6. Why did it finally become necessary for the hens to surrender all their eggs?

7. How did the hens react?
8. What are the other animals told about the nine hens?

9. What “deal” is Napoleon contemplating?

10. What tactics does Napoleon use when negotiating the sale of the pile of lumber?

11. Where is Snowball said to be living now?

12. What additional information is revealed about Snowball?

13. What animals disagreed with the explanation that Snowball was Jones’ secret agent from the very beginning?

14. Describe the confessions and executions.

15. Which of the Seven Commandments does this violate?

16. To what did Boxer attribute the frightening slaughter of fellow animals?

17. What is Squealer’s explanation for forbidding the singing of “Beasts of England”?

18. What replaced it?

19. What always drowned out any animals who protested?

Chapter 8

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

2. What is the significance of the poem about Napoleon?

3. Why did no one “care to mention” recalling a commandment about animals killing other animals within the hearing of the pigs or the dogs?

4. How has the sixth commandment been changed?

5. Squealer’s Sunday-morning revelation of the increased production figures is a good example of what?

6. What were the animals told about Snowball’s medals?

7. What made the animals fear and hate Frederick?
8. What problem occurred with the wood deal?

9. What is the slogan of the pigeons now?

10. What else is Snowball being blamed for?

11. Why is it ironic that the windmill is named after Napoleon?

12. Describe the Battle of the Windmill in order of events.

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

14. Why do the men blow up the windmill?

15. What is ironic about the animals’ victory celebration?

16. Who, for the first time, is beginning to feel old?

17. What vice have the pigs now adopted? This is against which commandment?

18. What made Squealer announce that Napoleon was dying?

19. Why did Napoleon plough up the retired-animal grazing ground?

20. Why is Squealer out at midnight with a ladder and a paintbrush?

21. What happens to Squealer?

22. What change has been made?

23. Who noticed the change?

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

**Chapter 9**

superannuated    complicity    knacker

1. How is Boxer hurt? Who helps him?

2. What is happening to Boxer?

3. How far away is Boxer’s supposed retirement?
4. How does the prospect of retirement inspire Boxer to work harder?

5. What word does Squealer use to describe the reduced rations?

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

7. Why do the animals think that these days are better than those under Jones?

8. What species of animal is increasing in number? Decreasing?

9. What special rights do pigs gain in this chapter?

10. What is significant about only the young pigs being educated, and their being discouraged from playing with other young animals?

11. What is a “Spontaneous Demonstration”?

12. How were “Spontaneous Demonstrations” useful to the pigs?

13. Why was Napoleon elected the president of the new Republic?

14. What propaganda is spread about Snowball’s wound in the Battle of the Cowshed?

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

16. What type of building is going on now?

17. What happens to Boxer?

18. Where does Napoleon tell the animals he has arranged to send Boxer?

19. Where is Napoleon really sending Boxer?

20. How does Squealer describe Boxer’s death?

21. How did the pigs use Boxer’s death to further their own aims?

22. Where did the pigs get the money for the case of whiskey?

**Bonus:** What is ironic about the pigs gaining so much weight?

What is a “Spontaneous Demonstration” that is held at school?
Chapter 10

morose  taciturn  filial
imperishable  deputation  eminent

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

2. Who is left after all these years?

3. According to Benjamin, what is the one unalterable law?

4. What has happened to the animals’ promised rewards?

5. What do the pigs have to work on, according to Squealer?

6. What does Benjamin remember about the past?

7. What new songs does Napoleon now have Squealer teach the sheep?

8. What does Benjamin read to Clover?

9. What is the new commandment?

10. At the conference with neighboring farms, what new changes does Napoleon point out?

11. What is the similarity between Napoleon and Jones?

12. What drastic action do the pigs use which shatters the animals’ hope and ideals?

13. What is the final irony of the novel?