

“Animal Farm”
Chapters 8-10 Study Guide Questions
(for notes)
English 9
Mr. Coughlin

Chapter 8

How can statistics be manipulated? (Remember the phrase: “Consider your source.”)

Consider the increase of the propaganda war. Is there any proof of all the allegations and rumors being circulated?

What is the irony in naming the wind mill “Napoleon Mill”?

Why do the animals believe everything Napoleon and the pigs tell them?

Does Napoleon inspire loyalty? Why/why not?

Why do the pigs celebrate a “victory”? What does Boxer point out?

How important is the military to the pigs? Why?

Is Napoleon really dying? What is he suffering from? What commandment did he break?

Chapter 9

Whose rations are not reduced?

Are the animals truly “free” as Squealer points out? Why/why not?

What new privileges are the pigs now receiving?

Why do you think Napoleon organizes so many celebrations? (Think “distractions”; think “bellies were empty.”)

What kind of “election” takes place?

Why do you think the pigs allow Moses to stay even though they don’t believe in Sugarcandy Mountain?

Who is the schoolhouse built for?

Chapter 10

If there is no written history, or most animals/people can't read, why are the memories of the elderly important?

According to Napoleon, what is the "truest happiness"? How does Napoleon live?

Who has grown richer? Who hasn't?

What "work" do the pigs do?

To Benjamin, what is the "unalterable law of life"?

The animals take great pride in running Animal Farm, but is the farm truly theirs?

What disturbing scene does Clover see? Why is this significant?

How do the sheep change their tune?

What has happened to the Seven Commandments in the barn?

What is no longer “strange” to the animals?

What have the pigs, essentially, become?

What is the visit of the neighboring farmers like? (Do leaders of countries visit other countries?)

Why do you think the farmers come to accept the pigs as leaders?

What impressed the farmers most about the workings of Animal Farm?

What happens to the farm’s name? What might this represent?

What does the argument at the end foreshadow?