

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Chapter 8 – Answers

These accompany the novel, Animal Farm. They can be used alongside the summary revision video:

<https://youtu.be/R7-vucgUAjs>

The questions can be found in the link below the video.

1. Clover asked Benjamin to read her the Sixth Commandment. It reads: 'No animal shall kill any other animal WITHOUT CAUSE.'
2. 'There were times when it seemed to the animals that they worked longer hours and fed no better than they had done in Jones's day.'
3. Your answer could include any of the following: 'He took his meals alone, with two dogs to wait upon him, and always ate from the Crown Derby dinner service which had been in the glass cupboard in the drawing-room.'
4. The other animals refer to Napoleon as 'our Leader, Comrade Napoleon'.
5. The pigs like to make up other titles for Napoleon, which are ironic epithets: 'Father of All Animals, Terror of Mankind, Protector of the Sheep-fold, Ducklings' Friend'.
6. The pigs become involved in a trade battle between Pilkington and Frederick. The pigs are selling a pile of timber (wood).
7. In this chapter, Frederick tricks the animals by paying for the timber with forged banknotes.
8. The humans attack the next day. They destroy the Windmill. The Battle of the Windmill could be an allegory for the Battle of Stalingrad, 1939.
9. After the attack, the animals are 'weary and bleeding' and they 'limp back towards the farm', walking past dead comrades. Squealer 'came skipping towards them, whisking his tail and beaming with satisfaction.'
10. After the battle and the procession, the pigs celebrate. They drink whisky.
11. Muriel reads the fifth commandment, which used to read as: 'no animal shall drink alcohol.' It now says: 'no animal shall drink alcohol TO EXCESS'