

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Chapter 9 – Answers

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

<https://youtu.be/sPOi6xx6xDA>

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

1. Boxer is becoming weaker. His one ambition is 'to see the windmill well under way before he reached the age for retirement.'
2. There is a plan for animals when they retire; a pasture has been put aside for grazing and rations would be allocated. Boxer is nearly twelve, which is relevant because he will be due to retire.
3. It is a hard winter. Rations are reduced. Squealer does not use the word 'reduction'. He uses the word 'readjustment'.
4. We learn that there are many young animals on the farm, including several young pigs. We learn that 'a schoolroom would be built in the farmhouse garden'.
5. Rations are further reduced, but the pigs 'seemed comfortable enough'. Finish this line: 'on the following Sunday it was announced that from now onwards all barley would be reserved for the pigs'
6. Moses the raven reappears on the farm in this chapter, after an absence of several years.
7. Boxer falls in this chapter; he collapses while dragging a cartload of stone. Squealer claims to send Boxer to the vet. He is really sent to the 'Horse Slaughterer and Glue Boiler' (or the knacker).
8. Squealer claims that Boxer died in a hospital in Willingdon.
9. Napoleon tells the animals that he has ordered a wreath for Boxer's grave. Napoleon said that every animal would do well to adopt Boxer's maxims 'I will work harder' and 'Comrade Napoleon is always right.'
10. A case of whisky is delivered to the farmhouse for the banquet in Boxer's honour.