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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Animal Farm

Author:

George Orwell

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 2: After the animals take over the farm, how do Snowball and Napoleon begin to show what kind of leaders they might become?

Example answer: I think Snowball shows that he likes to plan and teach because he helps paint the commandments and explains ideas to the other animals. Napoleon seems quieter, but he also seems like he wants control, especially when he takes the puppies away. To me, Snowball seems more interested in sharing ideas, while Napoleon seems more interested in gaining power. This makes me wonder if they will have trouble working together.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 5: What prediction can you make about the farm after Snowball is chased away? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

Example answer: I predict the farm will become less fair because Napoleon is now in charge by himself. He used the dogs to scare Snowball away, so the other animals may be afraid to disagree with him. Also, the meetings are stopped, which means the animals will not get to vote the same way. I think Napoleon will make more rules that help him instead of everyone.

Chapter 9: Boxer keeps working hard even when he is weak. What does his choice show about his character, and how do you feel about what happens to him?

Example answer: Boxer's choice shows that he is loyal, brave, and very hardworking. He believes that if he works harder, he can help the farm, even when his body needs rest. I feel sad and angry about what happens to him because he trusted the leaders and deserved kindness. In my opinion, Boxer is one of the most caring animals in the story.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What dream does Old Major share with the animals, and why do you think it makes them feel hopeful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: By the end of the book, how has Animal Farm changed from Old Major’s dream, and what message do you think the author wants readers to understand?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Boxer keeps working hard even when he is weak. What does his choice show about his character, and how do you feel about what happens to him?

New word I learned:

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Chapter 2

Chapter 2: After the animals take over the farm, how do Snowball and Napoleon begin to show what kind of leaders they might become?

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Chapter 3

Chapter 3: The word “maxim” means a short saying or rule. Why do you think the pigs change the Seven Commandments into the maxim “Four legs good, two legs bad”?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: What lesson about power is shown when the commandments and stories about the battle keep changing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Which character do you feel most concerned about in this chapter, and what events make you feel that way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: How do the animals work together during the Battle of the Cowshed, and what does this show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: What prediction can you make about the farm after Snowball is chased away? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: How does Napoleon explain the changes about trade and the farmhouse, and why might some animals accept his explanations?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
