

Reading Assignment: Animal Farm

Welcome to 7th Grade

Please answer the following questions during and after your reading of *Animal Farm* and your knowledge of US Geography. Please be prepared to turn this in the first week of school.

1. Explain or define the following key terms as it is used in the book:

- a. Utopia
- b. Coccidiosis
- c. Disinter
- d. Proletariat
- e. Propaganda
- f. Regime
- g. Socialism
- h. Totalitarianism

2. Answer the following questions in complete sentences. When needed, provide evidence from the novel to support your answers:

- a. Which animal hides during the Battle of Cowshed and explain why?
- b. To who does Napoleon sell the farm's pile of timber and why?
- c. How does Napoleon express his contempt for Snowball's windmill plan?
- d. Who teaches the sheep to chant "Four legs good, two legs better"?
- e. What is Sugarcandy Mountain?
- f. How many letters is Boxer able to learn?

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- g. Which of the pigs proves the best writer?
- h. What does Napoleon rename Animal Farm in his past at the end of the novel?
- i. Why does Napoleon believe that he is dying the morning after he drinks the whiskey?
- j. What is the name of the quasi-Marxist socialist philosophy advocated by Napoleon and Snowball?
- k. What are Boxer's maxims?
- l. What is Boxer's ultimate fate?
- m. What is Mr. Jones's vice?
- n. Which of the following pigs composes the song that replaces "Beast of England"?
- o. Which animal refuses to become excited about the windmill?
- p. What is the reason for the windmill's initial collapse?
- q. Which animal discovers the truth about Boxer's destination when the pigs load him into a cart claiming that he is being taken to a doctor?

3. Social Studies summer reading assignment involves the reading of mapped information.

Students need to be able to read a simple map of the U.S. and locate each of the 50 states. In addition, students need to learn the capital city of each state and its postal abbreviation (ie. Florida, Tallahassee, & FL). This is a required benchmark for 7th grade civics. Seventh grade students at Kirby- Smith will take a test on the states, capitals, and abbreviation at the beginning of the second week of school. No class time will be devoted to preparation for this test, as it is expected that all students will arrive on day one with this knowledge fully committed to memory.