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Important Quotations

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Explain this statement _____

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Who said this? _____ Where and When? _____

What "deeper meaning" does the quotation show? _____

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6. 'Comrade Napoleon is dying.' *Who said this to whom?* _____
Where and When? _____

Is this quote accurate? Explain _____

7. How have Napoleon's habits changed? Give three examples of this.

8) What new security precautions are put in place to protect Napoleon?
What causes this to happen?

9) Do you think the Hen's story is true? Then why does this happen?

10) Who do these neighboring farms symbolize in history? What are the rumors circulating? What event in Russian history do you think this represents?

11) How does Snowball's reputation in the, "Battle of Cowshed drastically change?

12) "Nothing short of explosives would lay them low this time!" What does this quote possibly foreshadow? What is ironic about what happens after the windmill is destroyed?



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Explain this statement Squealer is giving the animals all of these propagandized figures about production being up two and three times, but still rations are being reduced and the animals are very hungry. You cannot eat figures!

4. "'Thanks to the leadership of Comrade Napoleon, how excellent this water tastes!'

Who said this? Two cows, enjoying a drink at the pool Where? enjoying a drink at the pool

What "deeper meaning" does the quotation show? The animals are getting brainwashed by all of Squealers propaganda giving Napoleon credit for all of the good things that are happening on the farm and in life. They should be seeing through the lies, but seem to accept and believe it willingly.

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responsible for having funds in the bank to cover it.

6. 'Comrade Napoleon is dying.' *Who said this to whom?* _____
Where and When? In the house the morning after the big party where the pigs got drunk *Is this quote accurate? Explain.* He is not dying, but simply is hung over. He feels better later that day. Early in the day he outlaws alcohol and in fact puts the death sentence on anyone who uses it. This symbolizes Stalin who would on a whim torture or put people to death.

7. *How have Napoleon's habits changed? Give three examples of this.* Even in the farmhouse, it was said, Napoleon inhabited separate apartments from the others. 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. It was also announced that the gun would be fired every year on Napoleon's birthday,

8) *What new security precautions are put in place to protect Napoleon? What causes this to happen?* In the middle of the summer the animals were alarmed to hear that three hens had come forward and confessed that, inspired by Snowball, they had entered into a plot to murder Napoleon. They were executed immediately, and fresh precautions for Napoleon's safety were taken. Four dogs guarded his bed at night, one at each corner, and a young pig named Pinkeye was given the task of tasting all his food before he ate it, lest it should be poisoned.

9) Do you think the Hen's story is true? What is ironic about hens being killed? Then why does this happen?

No. Napoleon is getting a little paranoid about his own safety. Maybe he suspects a plot and the hens may be being used as scapegoats or victims in case someone is actually thinking about this. It's ironic and silly because how could hens kill a pig? More likely they are easy victims, as opposed to horses or cows or even pigs.

10) *Who do these neighboring farms symbolize in history? What are the rumors circulating? What event in Russian history do you think this represents?* Pilkington is England and Frederick is Germany. It symbolized they way Stalin kept changing his loyalties between these two countries. Especially in World War II, Stalin first was a part of the Axis Powers and a friend of Germany. Then he ended up being on the allies' side. Hitler's invasion of Russia (Fredericks attack on Animal Farm) may have been Hitler's death blow in his effort to win the war.

At this sight the animals' courage returned to them. The fear and despair they had felt a moment earlier were drowned in their rage against this vile, contemptible act.

11) How does Snowball's reputation in the, "Battle of Cowshed change?

The animals now also learned that Snowball had never - as many of them had believed hitherto - received the order of 'Animal Hero, First Class.' This was merely a legend which had been spread some time after the Battle of the Cowshed by Snowball himself. So far from being decorated, he had been censured for showing cowardice in the battle. Once again some of the animals heard this with a certain bewilderment, but Squealer was soon able to convince them that their memories had been at fault.

Boxer	The Pigs	Molly	The Cat

7) Describe the Animal Farm flag. What do the things on the flag represent?

8) Give two examples of how the pigs are becoming more human-like.

9) Describe the nature of Snowball and Napoleon's relationship. What does Snowball try to organize? Why?

10) What happens to the nine puppies that Bluebell and Jessie give birth to? Why do you think this animal does this?

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.

On Sunday mornings Squealer, holding down a long strip of paper with his trotter, would read out to them lists of figures proving that the production of every class of foodstuff had increased by two hundred per cent, three hundred per cent, or five hundred per cent, as the case might be.

It was nearly nine o'clock when Squealer made his appearance, walking slowly and dejectedly, his eyes dull, his tail hanging limply behind him, and with every appearance of being seriously ill.

In addition, four pigeons were sent to Foxwood with a conciliatory message, which it was hoped might re-establish good relations with Pilkington.

Barley

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