

## Lesson 1

# Animal Farm

Chapters 1-3

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## Lesson 1 Directions

### Pre-Reading

1. Preview (read through) the study questions for *Animal Farm* Chapters 1-3.
2. Complete the Vocabulary Worksheet for *Animal Farm* Chapters 1-3.

### Reading

1. Read *Animal Farm* Chapters 1-3.
2. Keep your study questions in mind as you read.

### Post-Reading

1. Answer all of the study guide questions for Chapters 1-3.
2. Complete the Reader Response Assignment for Chapters 1-3.

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## Vocabulary Chapters 1-3 Part I

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the bold words mean in the space provided.

1. He seldom talked, and when he did, it was usually to make some **cynical** remark--for instance, he would say that God had given him a tail to keep the flies off, but that he would sooner have had no tail and no flies.
2. Is it not crystal clear, then, comrades, that all the evils of this life of ours spring from the **tyranny** of human beings?
3. And remember, comrades, your resolution must never **falter**.
4. **Pre-eminent** among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr. Jones was breeding up for sale.
5. Snowball was a more **vivacious** pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character.
6. At the beginning they met with much stupidity and **apathy**.
7. He did his work in the same slow **obstinate** way as he had done it in Jones's time, never shirking and never volunteering for extra work either.
8. He was **indefatigable** at this.

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## Vocabulary Chapters 1-3 Part II

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. cynical       | A. lively; spirited                                   |
| 2. tyranny       | B. waver in confidence; hesitate; fail                |
| 3. falter        | C. bitterly mocking                                   |
| 4. pre-eminent   | D. outstanding  |
| 5. vivacious     | E. stubbornly inflexible                              |
| 6. apathy        | F. lack of interest or emotion                        |
| 7. obstinate     | G. untiring; tireless                                 |
| 8. indefatigable | H. absolute power, esp. when used unjustly or cruelly |

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## Study Questions Chapters 1-3

1. Identify
  - a. Old Major
  
  - b. Boxer
  
  - c. Clover
  
  - d. Benjamin
  
  - e. Mollie
  
2. For what purpose did Major call the meeting of the animals?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. After they vote and decide rats are comrades, Major summarizes his points for the animals to remember. What are they?





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8. What were the Seven Commandments? (any order)

9. Who gained leadership of the animals? Why?

10. Describe the animals' flag.

11. What happened to the milk and apples? How did Squealer rationalize that?



## Reader Response Entry Chapters 1-3

In the space below, write a substantial response to the chapters of the book you have just read. It could be your thoughts on one of the following: an idea presented, an event, a character's actions or attitude, a topic related in some way to something presented in this section of the novel, a response to a particular passage that stood out to you as you read, or you could write a creative response like a poem or song lyrics as long as it is relevant in some way to what you have just read.