

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 22: Boxer

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How did Napoleon betray the animals on the farm?

Option 1

Napoleon told another farm secrets about Animal Farm.

Option 3

Napoleon executed animals on the farm.

Option 2

Napoleon started trading with humans after saying he wouldn't.

Option 4

Napoleon made them work even harder on the windmill.



Late one evening in the summer, a sudden rumour ran round the farm that something had happened to Boxer. And sure enough, the rumour was true. A few minutes later two pigeons came racing in with the news; "Boxer has fallen! He is lying on his side and can't get up!"

About half the animals on the farm rushed out to the knoll where the windmill stood. There lay Boxer, between the shafts of the cart, his neck stretched out, unable even to raise his head. His eyes were glazed, his sides matted with sweat. A thin stream of blood had trickled out of his mouth.



What has happened to Boxer?

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Boxer...



For the next two days Boxer remained in his stall. The pigs had sent out a large bottle of pink medicine which they had found in the medicine chest in the bathroom, and Clover administered it to Boxer twice a day after meals. In the evenings she lay in his stall and talked to him, while Benjamin kept the flies off him.

However, Benjamin and Clover could only be with Boxer after working hours, and it was in the middle of the day when the van came to take him away. The animals were all at work weeding turnips under the supervision of a pig, when they were astonished to see Benjamin come galloping from the direction of the farm buildings, braying at the top of his voice.



Why do you think the pigs arranged for Boxer to be collected in the middle of the day?

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The pigs arranged for Boxer to be collected in the middle of the day because...



"Quick, quick!" he shouted. "Come at once! They're taking Boxer away!"

Sure enough, there in the yard was a large closed van, drawn by two horses, with lettering on its side and a sly-looking man in a low-crowned bowler hat sitting on the driver's seat. And Boxer's stall was empty.

The animals crowded round the van. "Good-bye, Boxer!" they chorused, "good-bye!"

"Fools! Fools!" shouted Benjamin, prancing round them and stamping the earth with his small hoofs. "Fools! Do you not see what is written on the side of that van?"

That gave the animals pause, and there was a hush. Muriel began to spell out the words. But Benjamin pushed her aside and in the midst of a deadly silence he read:

"'Alfred Simmonds, Horse Slaughterer and Glue Boiler, Willingdon. Dealer in Hides and Bone-Meal. Kennels Supplied.'



Where is Boxer actually being taken?

***"Alfred Simmonds, Horse Slaughterer and Glue Boiler, Willingdon.
Dealer in Hides and Bone-Meal. Kennels Supplied."***

Although the animals have been told Boxer is going to the vets,...



A cry of horror burst from all the animals. At this moment the man on the box whipped up his horses and the van moved out of the yard at a smart trot. All the animals followed, crying out at the tops of their voices. Clover forced her way to the front. The van began to gather speed. Clover tried to stir her stout limbs to a gallop, and achieved a canter. "Boxer!" she cried. "Boxer! Boxer! Boxer!"

Too late, someone thought of racing ahead and shutting the five-barred gate; but in another moment the van was through it and rapidly disappearing down the road. Boxer was never seen again.



Complete the following sentences.

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When the animals realise what is happening...



The allegory: fill in the gaps

Animal Farm	The Russian Revolution
	Stalin and the leaders
Animals	
	Treatment of the working class by the leaders



What message do you think Orwell was trying to give to readers with this part of 'Animal Farm?'

Deceive betray leaders workers inequality

