

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 9: The Rebellion

The Rebellion

Downloadable Resource

Miss Eden



Which real life character from the Russian Revolution does Farmer Jones represent?

Option 1

Stalin

Option 2

A Communist

Option 3

George Orwell

Option 4

Tsar Nicolas II



Now, as it turned out, the Rebellion was achieved much earlier and more easily than anyone had expected. In past years Mr. Jones, although a hard master, had been a capable farmer, but of late he had fallen on evil days. He had become much disheartened after losing money in a lawsuit, and had taken to drinking more than was good for him. For whole days at a time he would lounge in his Windsor chair in the kitchen, reading the newspapers, drinking, and occasionally feeding Moses on crusts of bread soaked in beer. His men were idle and dishonest, the fields were full of weeds, the buildings wanted roofing, the hedges were neglected, and the animals were underfed.



What kind of man had Farmer Jones become lately?

‘but of late he had fallen on evil days.’



This adjective tells us Farmer Jones is not behaving well.



What did Farmer Jones do during the day?

He spends ALL of
this time doing this

‘For whole days at a time he would lounge in
his Windsor chair in the kitchen, reading the
newspapers, drinking, and occasionally
feeding Moses’

He is enjoying luxuries whilst
animals have nothing.

Shows he does not
care very much.

Suggests laziness



What state was the farm in?

How much time is spent on looking after the farm if it is
'full of weeds?'

***'the fields were full of weeds, the buildings
wanted roofing, the hedges were neglected,
and the animals were underfed.'***

Emotive language: make us feel
sorry for the animals.

Powerful adjective:
suggests no-one cares
about the farm.



The rebellion happened sooner than expected because...

Option 1

Napoleon and Snowball forced the animals to rebel.

Option 2

Farmer Jones was not looking after the animals.

Option 3

Farmer Jones had stopped caring about the farm.

Option 4

Squealer persuaded the animals to rebel.



June came and the hay was almost ready for cutting. On Midsummer's Eve, which was a Saturday, Mr. Jones went into Willingdon and got so drunk at the Red Lion that he did not come back till midday on Sunday. The men had milked the cows in the early morning and then had gone out rabbiting, without bothering to feed the animals. When Mr. Jones got back he immediately went to sleep on the drawing-room sofa with the News of the World over his face, so that when evening came, the animals were still unfed.



No-one who worked on the farm had fed the animals that day.

True

False



At last they could stand it no longer. One of the cows broke in the door of the store-shed with her horn and all the animals began to help themselves from the bins. It was just then that Mr. Jones woke up. The next moment he and his four men were in the store-shed with whips in their hands, lashing out in all directions. This was more than the hungry animals could bear. With one accord, though nothing of the kind had been planned beforehand, they flung themselves upon their tormentors. Jones and his men suddenly found themselves being butted and kicked from all sides.



The cows broke into the store shed because they wanted to start the rebellion.

True

False



The animals turned on the farmers because they were so hungry.

True

False



The situation was quite out of their control. After only a moment or two they gave up trying to defend themselves and took to their heels. A minute later all five of them were in full flight down the cart-track that led to the main road, with the animals pursuing them in triumph.

And so, almost before they knew what was happening, the Rebellion had been successfully carried through: Jones was expelled, and the Manor Farm was theirs.

