

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 15: Snowball's expulsion

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What did Snowball and Napoleon disagree on?

Option 1

The building of the windmill

Option 2

The defense of the farm

Option 3

The time and place of meetings

Option 4

The Seven Commandments



Which of the following is a correct definition for 'dissent?' (More than one correct answer)

Option 1

I dissented him because I was angry.

Option 2

The dissent was a long one.

Option 3

There was dissent amongst the animals.

Option 4

The dissent led to civil war.



The Great Purge

The Great Purge, also known as the “Great Terror,” was a brutal political campaign led by Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin to get rid of **dissenting** members of the Communist Party and anyone else he considered a threat.

It is believed that at least 750,000 people were **executed** during the Great Purge. More than a million other people were sent to forced labor camps, known as Gulags.

Upon Stalin’s rise to power, some members of the former Bolshevik party began to question his authority. Stalin believed anyone with ties to the original Communist government was a threat to his leadership and needed to go.

Executed - killed



The Great Purge was led by Joseph Stalin

True

False



Stalin wanted to get rid of anyone who was not a Communist.

True

False



Stalin was particularly concerned about anyone from the original Communist party.

True

False



Until now the animals had been about equally divided in their sympathies, but in a moment Snowball's **eloquence** had carried them away. In glowing sentences he painted a picture of Animal Farm as it might be when **sordid** labour was lifted from the animals' backs. His imagination had now run far beyond chaff-cutters and turnip-slicers. Electricity, he said, could operate threshing machines, ploughs, harrows, rollers, and reapers and binders, besides supplying every stall with its own electric light, hot and cold water, and an electric heater. By the time he had finished speaking, there was no doubt as to which way the vote would go.

Eloquence - fluent, persuasive speaking
Sordid - dirty, immoral



How might Napoleon be feeling after this speech?

'By the time he had finished speaking, there was no doubt as to which way the vote would go.'

Napoleon might be feeling _____ because...



But just at this moment Napoleon stood up and, casting a peculiar sidelong look at Snowball, uttered a high-pitched whimper of a kind no one had ever heard him utter before. At this there was a terrible baying sound outside, and nine enormous dogs wearing brass-studded collars came bounding into the barn. They dashed straight for Snowball, who only sprang from his place just in time to escape their snapping jaws. In a moment he was out of the door and they were after him. Snowball was racing across the long pasture that led to the road. Suddenly he slipped and it seemed certain that they had him. Then he was up again, running faster than ever, then the dogs were gaining on him again. Then he put on an extra spurt and, with a few inches to spare, slipped through a hole in the hedge and was seen no more.



What has just happened?

1. Who called the dogs?
2. What did the dogs do?
3. Why do you think Snowball was chased from the farm?



Silent and terrified, the animals crept back into the barn. In a moment the dogs came bounding back. At first no one had been able to imagine where these creatures came from, but the problem was soon solved: they were the puppies whom Napoleon had taken away from their mothers and reared privately. Though not yet full-grown, they were huge dogs, and as fierce-looking as wolves. They kept close to Napoleon. It was noticed that they wagged their tails to him in the same way as the other dogs had been used to do to Mr. Jones.



Where have the dogs come from?

‘They kept close to Napoleon. It was noticed that they wagged their tails to him in the same way as the other dogs had been used to do to Mr. Jones.’



How do these extracts reflect the Great Purge?

- What happens in Animal Farm that is similar to the Great Purge?

Napoleon and Stalin similarities / dissenters being killed or expelled.

- Find a quotation from the extract we have read today which proves that something similar has happened.

‘They dashed straight for Snowball.’

- Choose part of your quotation which specifically explains your answer to the question.

The dogs had been told what to do as they dashed ‘straight to’ their target. This suggests Napoleon had given them clear instructions...

