

English - Animal Farm

Lesson 11: Snowball and Napoleon

# **Snowball and Napoleon**

## **Downloadable Resource**

Miss Eden



# Who is taking control of the farm?

## Option 1

Farmer Jones is taking control of the farm.

## Option 3

The animals are taking control of the farm.

## Option 2

The pigs are taking control of the farm.

## Option 4

Humans are taking control of the farm.



**Manipulate means having control over  
someone.**

**True**

**False**



**Manipulate means using skill to control or influence others.**

**True**

**False**



The reading and writing classes, however, were a great success. By the autumn almost every animal on the farm was literate in some degree.

As for the pigs, they could already read and write perfectly. The dogs learned to read fairly well, but were not interested in reading anything except the Seven Commandments.



None of the other animals on the farm could get further than the letter A. It was also found that the stupider animals, such as the sheep, hens, and ducks, were unable to learn the Seven Commandments by heart. After much thought Snowball declared that the Seven Commandments could in effect be reduced to a single **maxim**, namely: "Four legs good, two legs bad." This, he said, contained the essential principle of Animalism. Whoever had thoroughly grasped it would be safe from human influences.



The birds did not understand Snowball's long words, but they accepted his explanation, and all the humbler animals set to work to learn the new maxim by heart. FOUR LEGS GOOD, TWO LEGS BAD, was inscribed on the end wall of the barn, above the Seven Commandments and in bigger letters. When they had once got it by heart, the sheep developed a great liking for this maxim, and often as they lay in the field they would all start bleating "Four legs good, two legs bad! Four legs good, two legs bad!" and keep it up for hours on end, never growing tired of it.



Napoleon took no interest in Snowball's committees. He said that the education of the young was more important than anything that could be done for those who were already grown up. It happened that Jessie and Bluebell had both whelped soon after the hay harvest, giving birth between them to nine sturdy puppies. As soon as they were weaned, Napoleon took them away from their mothers, saying that he would make himself responsible for their education. He took them up into a loft which could only be reached by a ladder from the harness-room, and there kept them in such seclusion that the rest of the farm soon forgot their existence.





# Napoleon

Napoleon did not think that all animals should be e\_\_\_\_\_.

Instead, he believed the education of the y\_\_\_\_\_ was most important. When nine puppies were born on the farm, he took them away from their m\_\_\_\_\_.

The puppies were kept in s\_\_\_\_\_.

Napoleon has kept the puppies away from everyone else so it is easier to m\_\_\_\_\_ them.



# Why does Napoleon want to keep the puppies secluded from the rest of the farm?

## Option 1

Napoleon wants to keep the puppies safe.

## Option 3

Napoleon wants to manipulate the puppies completely.

## Option 2

Napoleon doesn't want Snowball to teach them anything.

## Option 4

Napoleon thinks the puppies are dangerous.

