

Identification:

Teva

Nolan

Sepaus

Ewan

Declan

Questions

Question: Did boxer know the true intent of Napoleon's plans to side with humans?

Opinions:

- I personally believe he may have had suspicions, but could not fathom Napoleon lying in his mind. He genuinely believed that Napoleon's words and intentions was in his comrade's favour.
- he may have also figured out but could not inform the animals after he got sick
- I think he realized it when he was being driven away in the van because the book says he tries to break down the door.
- I think he believed Napoleon up until page. 69, when squealer is trying to convince him that snowball did not fight well at the battle of the cowshed. Ever since then I think that he had his doubts but didn't realize fully until it was too late.

Question: At the end of chapter 9, the animals hear from inside the farm house, cheering, followed by fighting and a loud smash. What do you think happened?

Opinions:

- It's Says after that "The source of the trouble appeared to be that Napoleon and Mr Pilkington had each played an ace of spades simultaneously." So it was probably something to do with cards and lucky draws.
- I think the pigs are celebrating the covered-up murder of Boxer. Some of the pigs didn't know that Napoleon ordered the killing of Boxer, which causes a fight. In the fight, the bottles of alcohol get destroyed, ending the party.
- There was a conflict between the humans and animals, since Napoleon and Mr. Pilkington had both drawn the ace of spades.
- I think all the pigs and humans are partying and being very happy

Question: what do you think might have been different if the animals figured out that the pigs were changing the commandments. What might they have done?

Opinions:

- I don't think the animals would have done anything because they are scared of being executed.
- I agree, I think even if they did find out that they were changing the commandments, not much could be done considering the amount of control the pigs had over the rest of the animals. It would require another rebellion to change anything.
- I believe they may have been aware on some level, but did not truly understand the intent of Squealer and Napoleon's edits: gaining control, and manipulating the animals. I think, if they were aware, they would still not rebel. Napoleon's reign was driven by fear, and the animals would be terrified of being slaughtered.

Question: How will the animals react to finding out that the pigs have become humans? Will another revolution start?

Opinions:

- The animals would be shocked but are afraid of being executed so they won't try and rebel.
- From that last few pages as evidence, I would say they were quite shocked. The animals do not understand what is happening. Everyone is confused, but I still believe they would not rebel, instead they may escape from Animal Farm.
- I think they are going to have to push back against the pigs and revolt again.

Question: Why do you believe the animals did not rebel against Napoleon and Squealer? At what point do you think it could have happened in the book? (Do you think there was a good opportunity to rebel in chapters 8-10)

Opinions:

- The animals didn't rebel because they are scared of being executed. I think the only time they could have rebelled would be the short moment in the barn when the dogs run out to kick out Snowball. Napoleon was undefended and was vulnerable to attack.
- I think that there really wasn't a great time to rebel throughout those 3 chapters. The best time to rally the animals was when Boxer was being taken away to the Slaughter house. However I think for a revolution to be successful, you need Boxer as your strength to overthrow Napoleon and his dogs. It's the best time to rebel is also the weakest time.
- I think they didn't revolt out of fear and the fact that they didn't know that they had it so bad. A good time might have been after the pigs started not working and becoming lazy.

Question: What could the animals have done to improve the result of the rebellion? (Was it destined to circle back to the original government and systems?)

Opinions:

- If they learned more about reading they could've noticed the comments being changed earlier.
- I think that Animal Farm was doomed to fail since the beginning. A system where everyone is equal can't work because someone will get power hungry and become a dictator. That is why real life egalitarian systems don't work.
- I believe that Animal Farm's foundation from the start was flawed. Their government's system was not defined from the beginning, allowing the possibility of dictatorship to become prominent. Pigs claiming superiority was also easily predictable, as Animal Farm had a clear shared value: Intelligence.

Question: Do you think Old Major would've liked the outcome of what happened?

Opinions:

- I think so. I think that Old Major imagined himself in the position of Napoleon, had he lived long enough.
- No, I don't believe Old Major would have liked this outcome since the outcome is the exact same thing that he was trying to rebel from.
- I believe Old Major would definitely not have been happy with the outcome of Animal Farm. The pigs had completely ignored his teachings and traditions by the end of the book.