***Answer the following questions about Animal Farm. Ensure you support your responses as necessary, making connections to the novel and the “real world” to show your understanding.***

1. What purpose is served by the production figures Squealer reads to the animals? How are the pigs “playing” the other animals?
2. Explain how Napoleon is becoming more and more like a typical dictator?
3. Describe the sale of the stack of lumber. How does Napoleon outwit himself? How does it work out in the end in terms of the battle with Frederick’s men?
4. Why do you think Orwell included the part with the pigs drinking whisky? What effect does this have on our understanding of the characters and the commentary on human nature?
5. What are living conditions like for all of the animals except the pigs and dogs? How is this affecting animals like Boxer? What ends up happening to him?
6. Of what kind of person does Benjamin remind you? Give some examples. What is your opinion of such people? What makes people behave this way?
7. Under the pigs’ leadership, what changes have been brought to the farm? Are the changes better or worse for the animals?
8. What drastic actions do the pigs use to shatter the animals’ slacking off?
9. All seven commandments are erased. What is the new commandment and how has it been true from the beginning? What is the connection between this change and world history? Think about equity issues and different classes of people.
10. What happens to the pigs’ appearance? What’s the statement Orwell is making here? Explain the symbolism.