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Animal Farm- Chapter 3 Close Reading Activity

1. "But the pigs were so clever that they could think of a way round every difficulty."
2. "The pigs did not actually work, but directed and supervised the others. With their superior knowledge it was natural that they should assume leadership."
3. "The animals were happy as they had never conceived it possible to be. Every mouthful of food was an acute pleasure, now that it was truly their own food, produced by themselves and for themselves, not doled out to them by a grudging master."
4. "His answer to every problem, every setback, was 'I will work harder!'—which he adopted as his personal motto."
5. "Snowball had found in the harness-room an old green tablecloth of Mrs. Jones's and had painted on it a hoof and a horn in white."
6. "It was always the pigs who put forward the resolutions. The other animals understood how to vote, but could never think of any resolutions of their own."
7. Snowball and Napoleon were by far the most active in the debates. But it was noticed that these two were never in agreement."
8. "The dogs learned to read fairly well, but were not interested in reading anything except the seven commandments."
9. "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."
10. "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."
11. "As soon as they were weaned, Napoleon took them away from their mothers, saying he would make himself responsible for their education."

12. The animals had assumed as a matter of course that these would be shared out equally; one day, however, the order went forth that all the windfalls were to be collected and brought to the harness room for the use of the pigs."

Breakdown Squealer's justification for the pigs taking the milk, apples, and windfalls for themselves:

'Comrades!' he cried. 'You do not imagine, I hope, that we pigs are doing this in a spirit of selfishness and privilege? Many of us actually dislike milk and apples. I dislike them myself. Our sole object in taking these things is to preserve our health. Milk and apples (this has been proved by Science, comrades) contain substances absolutely necessary to the well-being of a pig. We pigs are brainworkers. The whole management and organization of this farm depend on us. Day and night we are watching over your welfare. It is for your sake that we drink that milk and eat those apples. Do you know what would happen if we pigs failed in our duty? Jones would come back! Yes, Jones would come back! Surely, comrades,' cried Squealer almost pleadingly, skipping from side to side and whisking his tail, 'surely there is no one among you who wants to see Jones come back?' Now if there was one thing that the animals were completely certain of, it was that they did not want Jones back. When it was put to them in this light, they had no more to say. The importance of keeping the pigs in good health was all too obvious. So it was agreed without further argument that the milk and the windfall apples (and also the main crop of apples when they ripened) should be reserved for the pigs alone.