

### Animal Farm- Questions

1. In George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, what are two human rituals (traditions) that the animals use to celebrate their victory?
2. In "*Animal Farm*", the animals celebrate a victory, but at what cost?

## Animal Farm- Answers

1.

In chapter 4, Mr. Jones and his men attempt to retake the farm and the animals successfully repel their attack. In the battle, [Snowball](#) valiantly leads the animals against Mr. Jones and his men, and several animals suffer injuries during the skirmish. Following the attack, the animals assemble and immediately begin singing *Beasts of England* as they raise the flag up the pole. The animals then engage in two human rituals following the sheep's funeral. **The animals unanimously decide to create the military decorations** "Animal Hero, First Class," which is presented to Snowball and [Boxer](#), and "Animal Hero, Second Class," which is posthumously granted to the dead sheep. **The second human tradition the animals create is the establishing of two holidays.** The first holiday is to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of the Cowshed, which will be celebrated every October twelfth. The second holiday will take place on Midsummer Day to commemorate the anniversary of the Rebellion. On both holidays, a gun will be fired at the Flagstaff to honor and remember those two significant events.

2.

There are two places in the novel where the animals celebrate a major victory. The first celebration occurs when Farmer Jones is run off. This is the beginning of the revolution but there was no advance planning for it. When [Napoleon](#) leads the animals back to the storage shed and serves everyone a double ration of corn, he has assumed the role of leader in a supposedly "classless" society. The animals also notice the milk has disappeared. So the first deception by the pigs following immediately after the first celebration. The second celebration occurs after the Battle of the Cowshed. However, during the battle [Boxer](#) is upset because he thought he killed someone, but [Snowball](#) tells him "the only good human is a dead one." Thus, Snowball reveals that like all tyrants the ends justify the means." This opens the way towards other deceptions and the trustworthy Boxer's ultimate demise.