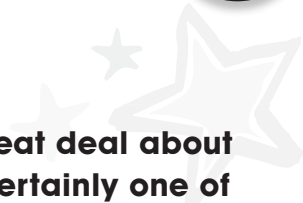


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# Activity One

**Babe: The Gallant Pig** has given you the opportunity to learn a great deal about farms, pigs, sheep, sheepdogs, and sheep-herding. Farming is certainly one of the most interesting, yet challenging occupations that one can choose.

**Your task is to further your knowledge of one aspect of the farming experience.** You will be expected to compile research on an appropriate topic. Then, write down your findings in the space below, at least one half-page in length. Be sure to include important and interesting details about your subject.

Choose ONE of the following topics:

- Types of sheepdogs • Duties of the sheepdog
- Training a sheepdog • Breeds and characteristics of sheep
- Breeds and characteristics of pigs • The challenges of being a sheep farmer
- Another topic of your choice (*ask for your teacher’s permission first*)

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# Activity Two

One of the things which makes this novel so memorable is the unique and charming **setting**. The farmlands of rural, upland England is the setting for a good number of very popular novels.

**Your task is to investigate this geographical area, especially information pertaining to farms and farming.**

Here are some questions for you to consider:

- What is farmed in this area? (What livestock is raised, what crops are grown, and in what quantities on the average farm?)
- How large is the typical farm in this area? How does this compare to the average-sized farm in North America?
- How long is the growing season?
- What is the quality of the soil like compared to the soil near where you live?

Write down your findings in the space below.  
Your report should be at least one half-page in length.

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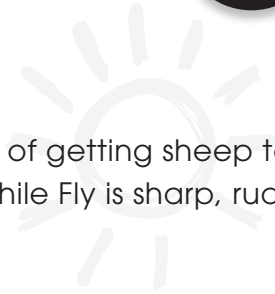
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# Activity Three



Babe and Fly have very different approaches when dealing with the task of getting sheep to obey their wishes. Babe very politely asks the sheep to follow his wishes, while Fly is sharp, rude, and sometimes even threatens them.

**Consider each of these two approaches to leadership.**

- Can you think of a time when each approach is necessary?
- Describe each situation in as much detail as necessary. Then, defend your answers giving good reasons to support your ideas.



**For this writing task, you may wish to consider different occupations (jobs) where different leadership styles are necessary. You might also wish to consider occupations dealing with people or animals that might not be very easy to handle.**

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# Activity Four

Babe exhibits many positive character traits in this novel. Among the most important of these characteristics are **hard work** and **perseverance**. The ultimate reward for all of Babe's hard work and perseverance was winning first place at the Grand Challenge Sheepdog Trials.

**For this activity, you are to complete ONE of the following tasks:**

**1**

**Reflect back on your own life** and think of an experience when hard work and perseverance really paid off for you. You may not have won a championship as Babe did, but perhaps it was an experience that helped you to become a better person. Describe your experience - the hard work and perseverance that was involved and how it paid off.

**OR**

**2**

**Think about the experiences of a character** (either human or animal) from another novel, movie or television program, in which the character benefited from his or her own hard work and perseverance. Write down the title of the novel, movie, or television program, and the name of the character. Then, describe the character's experience - the hard work and perseverance that was involved and how it paid off.

Write down your reflection in the space below. It should be at least one half-page in length.

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# Activity Five

**Prejudice and stereotyping is a very destructive force in the world today. Prejudices often stand in the way of a person gaining a fresh and wonderful understanding and appreciation of other people and their cultures.**

In the novel, **Babe: The Gallant Pig**, Babe helps a number of characters overcome their prejudices and stereotypes.

**Now it's your turn to help the Hoggets OVERCOME their prejudices...**

Imagine that following Babe's success at the Grand Challenge Sheepdog Trials, Farmer Hogget brings home a live turkey from the county fair. Babe, Fly and the other farm animals soon discover that their new friend is, in fact, being fattened up for the Hogget's Thanksgiving celebration, because the Hoggets believe turkeys to be dull and fit only for eating.

**What STRATEGY might Babe and the others come up with to have the Hoggets look beyond their prejudices toward turkeys?** How might they help the Hoggets realize that this turkey is worth keeping around the farm beyond Thanksgiving?

Write down your strategy in the space below.  
Your explanation should be at least one half-page in length.

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# Activity Six

As we saw in Babe: The Gallant Pig the county fair is a popular attraction in many areas of the world, including England.

**Your task is to investigate the county fair** (especially those in England) and record your findings. Tell about six common features of such an event.

**Choose SIX of the following features that you would like to learn more about:**

- forms of entertainment • contests • exhibits • demonstrations
- arts and crafts • food courts • carnivals • fireworks
- other features of interest to you

Try to provide as much variety and detail as possible. Write down your findings in the space below, at least one half-page in length.

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