Power and Leadership Discussion

Before going on to the next reading assignment, ask students to imagine how Snowball might have run things if he had gotten rid of Napoleon. Would things have been any different? Are there indications that Snowball’s ideas for running the farm would have proved more beneficial to the animals? Or would things have turned out the same? Because Orwell is writing about the corrupting force of power, things might have remained the same. Based on the information in the first 5 chapters make a list of reasons arguing Snowball would have been a better leader and a list of reasons arguing he would not have been any better than Napoleon.