

PLANET OF THE APES

Active reading (or in this case, active watching) is a way of analyzing something as you experience it. As you watch this film, consider the following questions. Afterward, you will be able to answer the questions more easily if you have thought about them as you viewed the film.

1. What are some connections between *Animal Farm* and *Planet of the Apes*?
2. How is the *Planets of the Apes* an example of a dystopia?
3. How do the orangutans try to suppress knowledge?
4. How is the society of the apes unequal? Here's a quote from the film to think about: "All apes are equal," says Dr. Zaius. "It appears some are more equal than others," says Taylor.
5. *Planet of the Apes* was made in the 1960's during a time of great change in America. What specific struggle from this time period could *Planet of the Apes* symbolize?
6. How many of you saw the twist ending coming? What clues were given the viewers concerning the ending?
7. Taylor accuses Dr. Zaius of acting out of fear. Does fear drive the actions of dictators? Explain.
8. What does the ending of the film mean? How does it explain the rest of the film?
9. How is the ape society a class system?
10. What does *Planet of the Apes* have to say about the issue of animal rights? Explain.

