

Read. Think. Explain.

An active reader is always looking for deeper meaning in a story. In this activity, you'll answer questions about the characters (and a rooster!), and you'll give your opinion as to why the author, Watt Key, made some of the choices he did while writing "Leghorn."

Directions: Answer the questions below, using information and details from the story to back up your ideas. Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room.

1. How does Wally feel about Leghorn when his family first gets chickens? Why? What causes his feelings to change?

2. Why do you think Wally likes to think of Leghorn as his prisoner?

3. What is the climax, or most exciting part of the story, which changes the outcome?

4. Why does Leghorn become John Paul Jones, Jeremiah Denton, and other characters for Wally?

5. Why does Wally conclude that Leghorn should be proud of himself?
