

The Meatrix

Zoom in

Part 1

1. What are the two animals' names? Pig: **Leo** Cow: **Moopheus**
2. Complete the following definition of the Meatrix.
 "It is the **story** we tell ourselves about where **meat** and **animal products** come from."
3. What type of farm does the pig live in? **a family farm.**
4. Is it real? Yes. **No.** Quote a word to justify your answer: **fantasy**
5. a. If the pig takes the blue pill, he will **stay in his fantasy world.**
 b. If he takes the red pill, he will know **the truth.**

Part 2

6. What type of farm does Leo find himself on? **a factory farm**
7. Name three things that are produced on such farms.
 a. **eggs** b. **milk** c. **meat**
8. When did this type of farming start? **In the mid twentieth century.**
9. Describe the animals' living conditions.
 - "Animals are **packed** as **closely together** as possible."
 - "Most never see **sunlight**, touch **ground** or get **fresh air.**"
 - "Many can't even **turn around.**"
10. What do such conditions cause?
 a. "They cause **fights** and **disease** amongst the animals."
 b. Explain why that happens.
11. What two things are done to solve this problem?
 a. **systematic mutilations** b. **use of antibiotics**
12. a. Do these practices solve all problems? Yes. **No.**
 Justification: "This **overuse** of antibiotics **breeds** super strains of resistant **disease-causing germs.**"
 b. Rephrase the sentence in your own words and explain why it's a problem.
13. Moopheus's last sentence is... reassuring. **alarming.**
 Quote a word to justify your answer: **epidemic**
14. Watch Part 2 again and fill in the table below.

Word used to describe family farming	Words or phrases used to criticize agricultural corporations	Words or phrases used to make us feel pity for the animals
sustainable	greedy maximize their profits the corporate machine	systematic mutilations poor conditions poor wretches

Part 3

15. a. Pick out the first number given by Moopheus. **12 million pounds**
b. What does it refer to? **the quantity of excrement produced by factory farms**
c. It pollutes **the air** and **ground water**.
16. What effect does that have on communities near factory farms?
They often suffer from high levels of related sicknesses.
17. What two things does Moopheus accuse factory farming corporations of?
a. **destroying communities** b. **mistreating their workers...**
18. Pick out two phrases showing this is not a new thing.
a. **for decades.** b. **since 1950**
19. a. Pick out another number given by Moopheus. **2 million**
b. What does it refer to? **The small hog farms that have disappeared.**
20. Complete the following sentence. "If they **continue** at this **rate**, there'll be no **real** independent **family farms** left."

Part 4

21. Quote the sentence that explains why it's not too late.
There is a resistance.
22. Pick out the phrase Leo uses to say he wants to join.
Count me in.
23. Leo asks "So, how do we stop them, Moopheus?"; who is "them"?
agricultural corporations / the people behind factory farms.
24. a. What can Leo and Moopheus do?
"[They] are going to **spread** the **word**."
- b. It means they are going to:
- Act against it.
 - Shout the word "Meatrix".
 - Talk about it to as many people as possible.**
25. What word does Moopheus use to refer to us? **The consumer**
26. Moopheus says "I'll show you what you can do to escape the Meatrix." What does he mean by "escape the Meatrix"?