

The Emile Zola Society London

Quiz 2022 – La Terre



1. Order these activities in time, starting from the earliest in the (calendar) year: grain harvest, lambing, sowing, ploughing, sheep shearing, grape harvest.
2. Sketch the Fouan family tree over four generations, starting from the 18th century patriarch, including all his children and two members at least from *each* of two following generations.
3. Which of these rivers is not mentioned in the novel: Loir, Cher, Aigres, Eure?
4. Pair the following into couples:
 - Laure, Rose, Coelina, Flore, Élodie, Fanny;
 - Delhomme, Louis, Lengaignes, Nénesse, Badeuil, Macqueron.
5. When were the Fouans liberated from serfdom and how did they acquire their land?
6. According to Hourdequin, what are the reasons for the decline of farming in La Beauce?
7. In the two elections mentioned in the novel, the opposing candidates have different views on trade and imports. How are their views influenced by their occupations?
8. Cluedo: Match up these killers, victims and implements. If there are multiple candidates, include all that apply:
 - Lise, La Grande, Tron, Buteau;
 - Françoise, Hilarion, Fouan, Rose, Hourdequin;
 - Open trapdoor, scythe, pillow, cleaver, fire.
9. Where and how are Hourdequin's sheep lodged and fed over the year?
10. Why are M & Mme Badeuil unwilling to allow Nénesse to marry Élodie and take over the business in Chartres; how does Élodie solve the problem?
11. Why did Buteau suddenly sign the deed to get his share of the property? Why did he decide to marry Lise?
12. Who is the first to taste the new season's wine at Buteau's party?
13. What are the occupations of: Grosbois, Madeline, Patoir, Clou, Lequeu, Sourdeau, Soulas, Tron?
14. Who is the patron saint of Rognes and when is his/her feast day?
15. Name six items of farm produce from La Beauce, including examples of crops, livestock and fowl.

