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Repeating Struggle

Short Answer Key

1. The animals repeat "Not I" to show that they do not want to help with any of the hard work.
2. The repetition makes the lesson stronger by showing how unfair it is that the Hen works alone while the others refuse to help.
3. The Hen may have hoped that the animals would change their minds and learn to work together.
4. The repeating phrases make the story easier to remember because they create a pattern that the reader recognizes.
5. The final repetition is important because it reverses the pattern—the animals say "I will," but this time, the Hen refuses to let them benefit from her work.

