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If by *forest* we mean

and if — far less often — we might mean

then by *farm* we might mean

and nearly as often

a dense growth of trees and underbrush covering a large tract (MW),

to cover with trees (MW),

a tract of land devoted to agricultural purposes (MW),

to grow or cultivate in quantity (MW)

And if by *faculty* we mean

and

ability (MW),

and

power (MW),

and

innate or acquired ability to act or do (MW),

and

an inherent capability, power, or function (MW),

any of the powers of the mind formerly held by psychologists to form a basis for the explanation of all mental phenomena (MW),

and

natural aptitude (MW),

and then also

a branch of teaching or learning in an educational institution (MW),

and

the members of a profession (MW),

and

the teaching and administrative staff (MW),

and

those members of the administration having academic rank in an educational institution (MW),

and

faculty members (MW),

and finally

power, authority, or prerogative given or conferred (MW)

And if by *failure* we might mean

especially

omission of occurrence or performance (MW),

and more concretely

a failing to perform a duty or expected action (MW),

or also

a state of inability to perform a normal function (MW),

and also

an abrupt cessation of normal functioning (MW),

and perhaps often a

a fracturing or giving way under stress (MW),

or

lack of success (MW),

and

a failing in business (MW),

as well as, perhaps of particular interest to those of us gathered at this text,

a falling short (MW),

and, of course, the meaning held closest to the anxious heart

a crop failure (MW),

one that has failed (MW)