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Chapter 1 Questions

1. After reading the first paragraph, write a prediction, a question and relate what you have read to something you have read, heard of or watched before.

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2. What is your definition of a textbook geek?

3. Draw what you imagine Simon Glass to look like:

4. List TWO points about Coop:

5. Draw Coop:

6. List TWO points about Bobster:

7. Draw Bobster:

8. List TWO points about Rob:

9. Draw Rob:

10. What is Lance Ansley’s reason for humiliating Simon Glass in the Commons?

11. Predict what Rob means when he says that “(Lance) blew it.”

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Chapter 2 Questions

1. Each chapter from this point on begins with a quote. What insight into the plot does the quote at the beginning of this chapter give us?
2. How do Rob and Young avoid the Vocab Test in English class?
3. What does the story about Young Steward’s name tell us about him?
4. Why does Rob figure he saved the educational system and the sub a lot of time and trouble?
5. Explain, “True power would be making the sheep like Simon.”
6. What more do we learn about Rob in this chapter?

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Chapter Three Questions

1. What insight into the plot does the quote at the beginning of the chapter give us?
2. Explain, “All he’ll ever do is win trophies for lettin’ people run into him.”
3. List FOUR facts we learn about Coop in this chapter:

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Chapter Four Questions

1. What is the purpose of this chapter – what else do we learn?

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Chapter Five Questions

1. What is an alpha male? Why can there be only one? Who is the alpha male in our classroom?
2. Explain, “a sheep in wolf’s clothing.”
3. What do we learn about Rob’s dark side in this chapter?
4. In your opinion, are the boys helping or bullying Simon by getting him to change his appearance?

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Chapter Six Questions

1. Explain why Young took special notice of Rob the first time he met him.
2. Explain, “We were random starts and he made us a constellation.”
3. What more do we learn about Young in this chapter?
4. Predict why Rob is studying yearbooks.
5. What does Rob’s treatment of the frog in Bio class tell us?
6. Predict how the last word of the chapter could be ironic?

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Chapter Seven Questions

1. What do we learn about Simon’s homelife in this chapter?
2. What does Simon do to Coop’s notebook?
3. Why does Young’s stomach clutch? (p. 46)
4. What type of figurative language is, “there were glass shards and hunks of concrete hidden under its silky surface.”
5. What has Young done behind his father’s back and why does this disappoint him so much?

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Chapter Eight Questions

1. From the quote at the beginning of the chapter, what do we learn about Young’s future writing career?
2. What information does Young indirectly share with Rob?
3. What is Rob’s reaction? Explain how this does or does not surprise you.
4. What has Simon managed to do for Coop that the other boys were never able to?
5. In your opinion, what is it about Simon that Young does not like?

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Chapter Nine Questions

1. Describe Simon’s parents.
2. Explain, “I felt like a piece of furniture.”
3. Explain, “I guess you were right, Young. Glass man does live here alone.”
4. Explain, “a person couldn’t be persuaded, only given permission.”
5. Why does Rob want to make Lance become class goat now?

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Chapter 10 Questions

1. Explain the difference between a bad person and a person that makes bad decisions.
2. After reading the quote that begins the chapter, according to the Prison Chaplan, how did Young change over the five years since the story is taking place?
3. How have Lance and Glass’s roles reversed in this chapter?
4. Describe how Glass is going to help Young out with his Creative Writing versus Biology dilemna?
5. Explain Young’s idea of using Simon’s computer skills to mess with Lance?

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Chapter Eleven Questions

1. What do we learn about Simon’s character in this chapter?

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Chapter Twelve Questions

1. How could Simon’s secret mascot appearances work in his favour for gaining popularity?
2. What useful piece of information do they learn about Lance from his student records?
3. What do we learn about Rob from his student records?

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Chapter Thirteen Questions

1. Predict why the narrator doesn’t tell us “the plan” for Simon right away in this chapter?
2. Explain what the plan was after you finish reading the chapter.

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Chapter Fourteen Questions

1. List 3 events that happen in this chapter.

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Chapter Fifteen Questions

1. What has been happening to Lance at this point in the novel?
2. How is he reacting to all of this?
3. What else do Rob and Glass accomplish in this chapter which makes Glass even more popular?

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Chapter Sixteen Questions

1. What cruel joke is being played on Lance at the beginning of this chapter?
2. What insight into Young and Ronna’s relationship does this chapter give us?

Chapter Seventeen Questions

1. Describe the next step in the plan to make Glass popular?
2. Explain who is to blame for Dallas Alice’s humiliation in the cafeteria?
3. Explain Ronna’s reaction to Simon’s house.
4. Why does Bob not go to the police about the ring?
5. In your opinion, what is the story behind the taking of Bob’s ring?
6. Explain, “Instead of making Rob more, doesn’t it make all of us…less?”
7. What change has occurred in Simon, according to Young, at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Eighteen Questions

1. Based on Coop’s quote at the beginning of the chapter, what realization has he come to five years after all of these events?
2. Explain Glass’s gift to Coop.
3. Predict whether it will work or not.
4. Explain why Young is not pleased with the present he receives from Glass.

Chapter Nineteen Questions

1. According to the quote at the beginning of the chapter, why does Young go along with Rob’s plan concerning Ronna?
2. Explain why Young agrees to spend the day with Glass.
3. What do they find out about Rob at 212 South Monroe in Foley?
4. Predict what information they find about Rob’s past in the old newspaper article.

Chapter Twenty Questions

1. Why does Young decide he will never betray Rob?
2. Explain, “Glass was my funhouse mirror.”
3. Why does Rob tell Young that he’s going out with Debbie Mahon on New Years Eve?
4. Explain, “she’ll know which side her caviar is buttered on.”

Chapter Twenty One Questions

1. Despite his promise to Rob, why does Young confess the plan to Ronna?
2. Explain Ronna’s statement, “And you need to ask yourself why Rob wanted me. Why me? I don’t think it has much to do with Simon at all.”

Chapter Twenty Two Questions

1. List the pranks Simon planned for the first day back after the new year.
2. Explain Rob’s reaction to his pranks.
3. Why does Young yell at Simon at the end of the chapter?

Chapter Twenty Three Questions

1. Explain, “We’re all imprisoned in different ways.”
2. What conclusion do Young, Coop and Bobster come to about what Rob dislikes the most about Glass?
3. Explain why it isn’t good that Simon was nominated for more than one category.
4. Explain, “After a fall from the top, the middle spaces are full. The only opening is at the bottom.” Who does it refer to and what does it mean?
5. Why does Young bring up the topic of Rob’s dad with him at the end of the chapter?
6. What information does Rob give him about his dad?

Chapter Twenty Four Questions

1. What information do we learn about Ronna’s character from Coop’s quote at the beginning of the chapter?
2. Predict what had happened to Coop based on the quote.
3. What is Young’s reason for following Simon to Ronna’s house?

Chapter Twenty Five Questions

1. What do we learn happens to Coop’s football career?
2. How does Glass reward Coop for getting signed with TCU?
3. Explain why Young thinks, “I knew now how Dallas Alice, Lance and even Simon felt to be an object of derision.”\
4. What does Young admit to Ronna and himself at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Twenty Six Questions

1. From the quote, why do you think Young didn’t testify against the others at the trial?
2. What do we find out about Rob from the quote?
3. Why does it bother Young that Glass no longer sees him as a threat?
4. Explain how it does or does not surpise you that Rob shares only happy memories about his dad with Young.
5. How does Glass “blackmail” Young into being his friend?
6. Explain how Young is a “frog whether (he) wants to be or not.”
7. Explain how you are or are not surprised that Glass was able to see through Rob and understands what the game was all about.

Chapter Twenty Seven

1. Explain what is going on in this chapter.
2. Were there any surprises in the names read at the dance?
3. Predict why the plan doesn’t turn out exactly as they had set it up.

Chapter Twenty Eight

1. According to Young’s mother’s quote, why is justice blind?
2. Explain, “Rob was a coiled snake, shaking his rattles.”
3. Explain why Rob is upset with Simon.
4. In your opinion, is he justified in feeling this way?
5. How does Simon hurt Rob without a bat?
6. What really happened to Rob’s dad?
7. What really happened to Bobster’s ring?
8. Explain how Rob ends Coop’s athletic career that night.
9. Explain how each of the following are to blame for the murder of Glass and what their punishment should be:

Young –

Bobster –

Rob –

1. List THREE ways Glass was at fault for his own murder.