The Pigman

Chapters 7-8

Study Guide

**Vocab. Word**  **Inference**  **Correct Definition**

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| Voluptuous: | “If you let her, Lorraine would eat until she dropped, and if she keeps going at that rate, I’m afraid she is going be somewhat more then **voluptuous**.” |  |
| Perpetual: | “Once I ran away from Lorraine and the others and hid in a part of the cemetery that didn’t have **perpetual** care. That’s the part where no one pays to keep the grass cut.” |  |
| Erosion: | “If I was laying on somebody’s grave, whatever it was would be six feet away. Maybe there had been a lot of **erosion**, and whoever it was was only five feet away…or maybe four.” |  |
| Prosecuting: | “It was the first thing he’d said to me during dinner, and even though it wasn’t the warmest remark, I could tell he had given up **prosecuting** the case of the phantom gluer.” |  |
| Suspicious: | “I didn’t exactly suspect Mr. Pignati of having murdered her and sealed her body behind a wall in the cellar but I was **suspicious**.” |  |
| Delicatessen: | “Mr. Pignati said he only got the card so his wife could go shopping in the fancy-food **delicatessen** they’ve got at Beekman’s.” |  |
| Vile: | “It was probably the only part of Beekman’s he’d ever been to, and I could picture Conchetta and him pushing the cart up and down the aisles picking out all that **vile** food.” |  |
| Arsenal: | “And there was the **arsenal** of course: guns, pistols, shotguns, slingshots, knives, and swords.” |  |
| Artillery: | “There was enough **artillery** in Beekman’s toy department to wipe out Red China and the Mau-Mau tribe of Africa, and I personally think some of the toy manufacturers could use a good course in preventative psychiatry.” |  |
| Absurd:  | “Enjoy it, enjoy doing something absolutely **absurd**”---some thing that let me be a child in a way I never could be with my mother, something just sill and **absurd** and …beautiful.” |  |

**Chapters 7-8 Study Guide Questions**

1. Complete the chart below. Cite specific evidence from the novel and put the page number.

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| Lorraine’s Lies | John’s Distortions |
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1. Explain why John likes the cemetery. Cite two examples of his thoughts of cemeteries.
2. Explain how John’s father treats him. Cite an example from the novel.
3. Explain how Mr. Pignati treats John. Cite an example from the novel.
4. Why do you think Mr. Pignati said Conchetta was in California? How do Lorraine and John discover the truth?
5. How does Lorraine try to explain her mother’s behavior to us---and to herself? Cite two examples that shows how Lorraine has some sympathy for her mother.
6. Explain why Lorraine accepted the stockings and other gifts from Mr. Pignati.
7. Explain what Lorraine means about toy manufacturers needing “*a good course in preventative psychiatry*.”
8. Why couldn’t Lorraine be a child with her mother? Cite two examples that support your thoughts.
9. Explain why John wanted to wear the roller skates in the store. Cite one example to support your reasoning.