

Chapter Fifteen

1. Explain the difference between connotation and denotation as it applies to the quote, "I'm telling tales, my dear, not lies."
2. How are Grim and Gram like or unlike your grandparents, or the grandparents you would like to have?
3. Why is Max excited to get a dictionary?
4. Infer who is in Max's room at the end of the chapter. Justify your answer with details from the text.
5. Analyze the way the author ends the chapter. What does the author do to create suspense?

Chapter Sixteen

1. Do you believe Max's dad when he says, "I don't know what they told you. It's all a big lie, you understand? I never killed anybody, and that's the truth, so help me God"? Explain your answer.
2. What is strange about the way Iggy is behaving with Kenny Kane in the house? Why do you think he is acting differently from the way he was when we first met him? (For help, see Chapter 11)
3. What is Kane referring to when he says "We've been out in the cold for eight long years and we're hungry..."?
4. Max's dad is trying to convince Max that he is a good guy and that he never should have been locked up. However, the language that he uses gives away that he doesn't really care about Max and that he is not as good as he is pretending to be. Analyze the

text and find three or more examples of language Max's father uses that give away that he is not of good character. Explain how each example supports the point.

Chapter Seventeen

1. How did Iggy get an apartment for Kane and Max?
2. Kenny Kane tells Max that his grandparents said he was "nothing but a dysfunctional retard." Do you think they said that? If so, why? If not, why do you think Max's dad would tell him that?
3. Do you think Max's dad sent him gifts and letters from prison? Explain your choice.
4. Were Max's dad's tears real or fake? Justify your answer with details from the text.
5. Do you still believe that Kenny Kane did (or did not) kill Max's mother?

Chapter Eighteen

1. Explain Kenny Kane's plan.
2. How did the police find out where Kenny took Max?
3. How do you think Max feels when he hears that Freak was in the car with the police? Explain your answer.
4. Max feels that Iggy's "trying to tell me something with his eyes." Make a guess as to what Iggy might be wanting to communicate to Max.

5. What does Kenny Kane want Iggy to get for him?

6. Why do you think Max constantly tells his father he agrees with him, even if he really doesn't?

Chapter Nineteen

1. Kenny Kane tells Max "You'll get smarter, every mile we put between us and this place." What does he mean?

2. Describe the "black down under."

3. What is Loretta Lee doing in the burned-out building?

4. Take a second look at what you know about Iggy and Loretta and compare it with the new information from this chapter. Do their actions make them good or bad people? Explain. 5. What happens to Loretta as she leans over to reach for the flashlight?

Chapter Twenty

1. What does Max tell Killer Kane that makes him stop what he is doing to Loretta?

2. Interpret what Max is feeling when he says, "I'm so small and weak and he's so big and strong, you can't stop him...."

3. How was the squirt gun actually effective in helping Max get away from Kane?

4. Summarize how Max is rescued from the building.

5. Why is Kevin saying "Freak the Mighty strikes again" at the end of the chapter?