

## The Pigman Study Guide

### The Oath

1. Define "memorial epic."
2. What do you expect this story to be about when you hear that?
3. What mood is created by the language in The Oath?
4. What is your initial reaction to John and Lorraine? What do you know about each one?

"Actually, I hate school, but then again most of the time I hate everything."

"Attending school was a tedious chore because I disliked it."

How do these two statements differ? Which speaker would you rather have tell you a story about a teenage adventure? Why?

### Discussion Questions: Chapters 1-4 (Answer all questions!)

1. What kind of reputation do you think John gains as a result of his "bathroom bombings" and "fruit rolls"? What do you think of his behavior? Why do you think he does such things?
2. Do you think John's system of cursing is a cop out, childish, or a good compromise? What do you think of his philosophy of cursing? Why?
3. On the basis of John and Lorraine's first meeting, answer these questions:
  - A. Who will become the leader? Why?
  - B. Will they become romantically involved?
  - C. What common interests do they share?
  - D. How will others view their relationship?