

## The Pigman Study Guide

### Discussion Questions: Chapters 9 and 10

How do you define *old age*? What emotions, qualities and ideas do you associate with this term? According to your definition, is the Pigman old? Why or why not?

How does John react when Norton confronts him about Mr. Pignati? Was this reaction wise? Why or why not?

Why did John start drinking? Why do you think he still drinks?

Are John's parents cruel for forbidding him to do so many things? Why or why not? How might the Pigman's leniency be good for John? How might it be harmful?

In what ways is Lorraine's mom cruel? In what ways is she pitiful? How have her job and her life shaped her personality? Is she a victim or is she responsible for her situation? Defend your response.

Why do John and Lorraine confess that they are not charity workers? In turn, why might Mr. Pignati confess that Conchetta is dead? Predict how these confessions will affect the friendship between the three of them.