

The Pigman

Discussion Questions: Chapters 14 and 15

Describe what you would do if you were a parent and police officers brought your child home, reporting that s/he had been drinking and wrecked someone's home. Compare your reaction with that of Lorraine and John's parents. Did they respond appropriately? Why or why not? Whose reaction might lead to improved behavior in the future? Why?

Examine how Lorraine matures after the party at the Pigman's. How does she deal with her mother in an adult way? What mature realization does she make about her behavior at the Pigman's house?

Why does Lorraine compare the night she and John dressed up and kissed to a kitten playing with a toy? What is play, according to Lorraine? What might John and Lorraine have been preparing for?

Why does Mr. Pignati react so violently at the news of Bobo's death? What links exist between these two characters? (symbolic as well as literal)

Lorraine says that she and John murdered the Pigman. Earlier John said that they may have hastened his death, but he would have died anyway. Whom do you agree with and why?

What does John mean when he says that he and Lorraine "trespassed," as did the Pigman? On what did John and Lorraine trespass? On what did the Pigman trespass?

What "dies" in John and Lorraine as a result of their "trespassing?"