

MR. CAVANAUGH
GRADE EIGHT
NOVEL UNIT

THE PIGMAN - CHAPTERS 7-9

PART I

DURING READING

1. What does John like about the cemetery? What is he trying to prove by his visits there?
2. What makes John think that Conchetta is not away on vacation as Mr. Pignati says?
3. In what way does Lorraine wish that her mother would be more like the Pigman?
4. Why does the buying spree delight Lorraine? Why does she roller-skate out of Beekman's with John?
5. According to John, why has Norton become such a tough person?
6. In what ways does John find his parents differ from the Pigman?

READING ACTIVELY

1. What one idea became most clear to you as you read Chapters 7-9?
Five to eight sentences with evidence from the text

USING WORDS IN CONTEXT

Vocabulary Terms—prophet, absurd, voluptuous, erosion, flounder, eerie

1. Overeating could make Lorraine's _____ body just plain fat.
2. A deranged person shouting about God made Lorraine think about a _____ from the Bible.
3. John's father did not want him to _____ around in a fool's dream world.
4. Masterson's Tomb was an _____ place for a party.
5. Was it really _____ for an old man like Mr. Pignati to enjoy roller-skating?
6. In the cemetery, John feared that _____ might have brought the bodies of the dead closer to the surface.

PART II

LITERARY ANALYSIS

Use the following chart to explain what you learn about the Pigman from the scenes named below. Note: This technique is called *indirect characterization*.

Ch. 7: John's discoveries in the Pigman's bedroom	Ch. 8: Buying roller skates in Beekman's Department Store
<i>*Copy chart in your notebook</i>	