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Chapters 1-2 Study Guide Questions

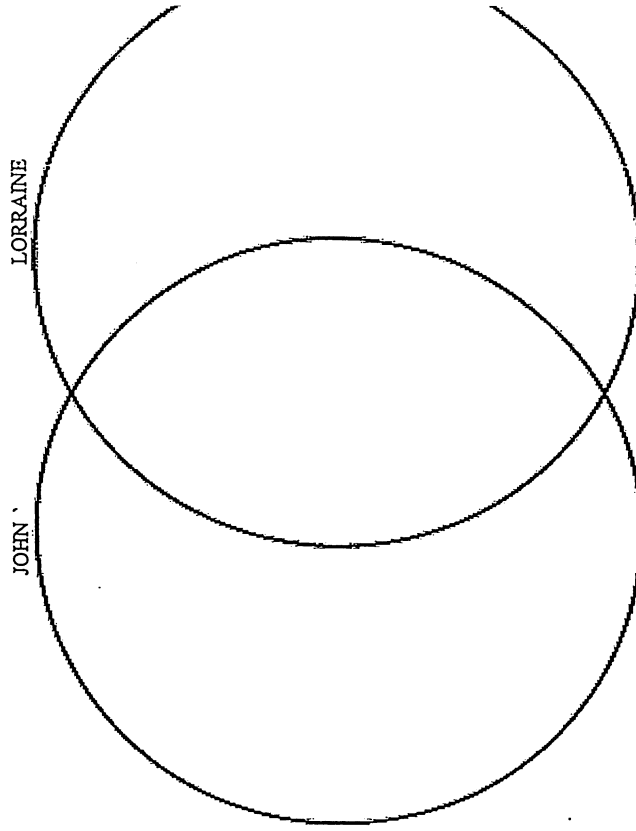
*The Pigman*  
 "The Oath" and Chapters 1-2  
 Study Guide

Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences. Don't forget to restate the question stem!

1. What is Lorraine and John's purpose for writing this story?
2. Characterize John and Lorraine in the following Venn Diagram.

Directions: Use the sentence and context clues to write a definition for each word. Place your definition in the Inference box.

Vocab. Word	Inference	Correct Definition
Compassion:	"But as I was saying, it is a fact that John has <u>compassion</u> deep inside of him, which is the real reason we got involved with the Pigman."	
Subliminally:	"I should have never let John write the first chapter because he always has to twist things <u>subliminally</u> ."	
Compulsive:	"Although I didn't know John and his family until two years ago when I moved into the neighborhood, from what I've been able to gather I think his father was a <u>compulsive</u> alcoholic."	
Distorts:	"Also, you'll find out soon enough that John <u>distorts</u> -when he isn't out-and-out lying."	
Destructive:	"I almost had him convinced that smoking was an <u>infantile</u> , destructive activity when he pointed out a picture of Freud smoking a cigar on the book's cover."	
Innocent:	"Sure they didn't do it, but it's pretty hard to say you're <u>innocent</u> when you're caught with a lungful of rich, mellow tobacco smoke."	
Abominable:	"I may not be Miss America, but I am not the <u>abominable</u> snow-woman either."	
Infantile:	"I almost had him convinced that smoking was an <u>infantile</u> , destructive activity when he pointed out a picture of Freud smoking a cigar on the book's cover."	
Phony:	"Then I gave this <u>phony</u> sneeze that meant to hold them down near the floor."	
Paranoia:	"I knew that because some magazine did a whole article on mental disturbances, and after I read the symptoms of each of them, I realized that I had all of them-but most of all I had <u>paranoia</u> ."	



3. Why was John known as the "Bathroom Bomber"?
4. Explain the "supercolossal fruit roll."
5. Explain how Lorraine seems to feel about John. Cite 2 examples from the text to support your answer.
6. How do you think John feels about himself? Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text to support your opinion.
7. How do you think Lorraine feels about herself? Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text to support your opinion.
8. Why did the author include the detail about the retired postman? That is, what does it show you about John character?
9. Why did John enjoy annoying some substitutes, but not others?
10. Describe Lorraine's mother. Cite 2 examples from the text to support your description.
11. What does Lorraine mean when she says she doesn't feel like saying more about her family because she just ate lunch? Why does she feel this way?
12. Why does Lorraine feel sorry for Miss Stewart, the typing teacher? Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.
13. When Lorraine moved into town, why did she feel lonesome?
14. How did John help Lorraine feel better? Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text to support your opinion.
15. Did John intentionally help Lorraine feel better? Explain.