

The Pigman
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Study Guide

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1. Why did John invite Dennis to the party?
2. John said that each party guest had a unique problem. Cite 3 examples from the text of these unique problems.
3. Explain why John did not want to invite Norton to the party. Cite specific examples from the text.
4. How did things go wrong at the party after Norton arrived? Cite 2 examples from the text.
5. What did Lorraine's mother do when the policemen brought her to the door?
6. How did John's parents react when he arrived home from the party?
7. When Lorraine told her mother the "edited" version of her relationship with Mr. Pignati, what parts do you suppose she decided to leave out AND explain why you think she did that. Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text.
8. Lorraine blames John for everything that went wrong from the point where he hatched the idea of the party. Explain why she might feel that way.
9. John mentioned at the beginning of the story that he feels that they aren't responsible for "murdering" Mr. Pignati—that he would have died anyway—just a little later, perhaps. Explain what John meant by this.
10. What does the fact that John and Lorraine called Mr. Pignati after the party say about them as human beings? Explain your answer.

Vocab. Word	Inference	Correct Definition
Momentum:	"Once she started turning out the hors d'oeuvres, she gained momentum."	
Disheartened:	"He looked very disheartened."	
Frenzied:	"Only one lamp went over, and that was during this frenzied dance when everybody was on the floor."	
Amplifiers:	"The band didn't arrive until much after eight because they had trouble with their amplifiers in the snow."	
Attendants:	"One of the attendants was washing the sea-lion manure off the middle platform of the pool."	
Canopy:	"There was quite a wind even though it had warmed up enough to start the snow melting, and it made the frilly canopy on the cars snap loudly."	
Forsaken	"Would he think we had forsaken him and deliberately ripped his wife's clothes-viciously broken the pigs?"	
Trespassing	"When you grow up, you're not supposed to go back. Trespassing—that's what he had done."	
Autopsy:	"Did an autopsy on him, and it looked like pneumonia."	
Incongruous:	"He was so much taller and thinner than the other one that the two of them together looked rather incongruous."	

11. How did Mr. Pignati show that he forgave them for the terrible thing that had happened?
12. What event caused Mr. Pignati to collapse and die?
13. At the end of the story the author mentions "trespassing". Explain how Mr. Pignati was trespassing. Cite example from the text.
14. What sort of trespassing did John feel that he and Lorraine had done? Cite examples from the text.
15. What was the ultimate "price" that was paid to Mr. Pignati, John, and Lorraine?