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Recall Questions

Answer in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

Chapter 1

1. Using quotations to answer, what clues are there in chapter one that show that Jason's brother Joe is angry?

Chapter 2

1. What is a flashback?
2. What is Ferguson Peach's most obvious personality trait? Provide two examples from the novel that prove this trait.
3. Describe Don Champion.
4. Why does Jason so badly want to go to Toronto?
5. In a descriptive paragraph, describe the following:
 - a) the neighborhood of Joe's apartment
 - b) the apartment building
 - c) the apartment
6. Three guys in Toronto create interesting situations. What did they do on their first day? How much money did they spend?
7. What bet did the boys have? Who lost?
8. What is the landlord's name? Why is he angry at Jason? Does he have the right to be angry? Why or why not?
9. Why does Jason agree to pay for the stairs? Was that part of his responsibility? Would you have paid for them?

Chapter 3

1. Why is there an assortment of hubcaps in the Olympiad Deli?
2. When the boys get to the factory what clue is there that time there might be tough for them? What is their job?
3. Why is Don worried about Ferguson?
4. Briefly describe the other tenants of 1 Pitt Street.

Chapter 4

1. Why are the boys fired?
2. Define the word nepotism.
3. How did Plotnick know they had been fired?
4. At one point Don says, "Girls say they want nice guys but they never do." Do you agree? Why or why not? Explain your answer.
5. Why does Jason state, "I hate both their guts" when referring to Don and Jessica?

Chapter 5

1. What warning does Joe give Jason on the back of the snapshot taken in England? What is humorous about this warning?
2. Describe Rootbeer Racinette.
3. What happened to the Camaro?
4. How does Rootbeer raise money in this chapter?
5. Why did Rootbeer seem to be dead?

Chapter 6

1. What warning does Joe give Jason on the back of the photo from France?
2. a) What is Rootbeer's current hobby?
b) Why does he take up this hobby?
3. Why does Don get fired from his grocery delivery job?
4. Do you agree with Don when he says, "It's good for [girls] to sit by the phone. Keeps' em humble." Explain your answer.
5. Is Jason trying very hard to get a job? Explain your answer fully.
6. Why are the boys arrested?

Chapter 7

1. a) How did Jessica's homework change Jason?
b) What did he notice about the three stooges' eating habits?
2. Define the following terms and write them in a sentence:
 - belligerent
 - sarcastic
 - enormous
 - procrastinate
3. Is Jason still procrastinating?
4. Explain Rootbeer's new hobby.
5. What do you notice about Jason from this chapter?
6. What is your opinion of Jessica?
7. What is Plotnik ranting and raving about?
8. How did Don lose his job?

Chapter 8

1. Define inept.
2. What type of casserole did Jessica have Jason make?
3. What happened to the casserole?
4. What happened to Jason when he approached Jessica on the street?
5. Why did Jason suspend his job search?
6. Why is the laundry a godsend?
7. Does Jason believe he is goofing off by only doing housework? Do you?
8. What was in Ferguson's package?

Chapter 9

1. Why does Jason want to get revenge on Plotnik? 5 reasons.
2. a) What do the boys do to Plotnik?
b) What are the results?
3. Why do the boys pay for the window? Is that part of their responsibility?
4. Why is Plotnik paid twice for the window?
5. How does Rootbeer come up with the rent money?
6. What do you think the boys would have done for money if they did not have the help of Rootbeer? What would you have done?

Chapter 10

1. Why is Plotnik in the hospital for a month?
2. Why does Jason fire Don? Would you fire a close friend for the same reason?
3. Describe Jason's morning routine.
4. What project does Jessica get Jason to do in this chapter?
5. What plan do both Don and Ferguson have in regards to Jessica?

Chapter 11

1. Why did Jason close down the Olympiad Delicatessen?
2. Is Jason a sucker or a genuinely nice guy? Explain your answer.
3. What was the point of Ferguson standing in the middle of the road with his finger in the air?
4. Explain how things were going for the Peach.
5. What did Jason make that caused a stir in the Delicatessen?
6. Was it right for Jason and Ferguson to move the seating arrangements? Explain your answer.
7. Why did the police call Jason?
8. Why did the police finally come to the deli? What happened once they arrived?

Chapter 12

1. What did the boys decide to do after the incident with the police?
2. Describe the rebuilt deli.
3. What did the review of the new deli say?
4. Was it right for the boys to do what they did to Plotnik's deli? Explain your answer.
5. List Rootbeer's hobbies in this chapter.

Chapter 13

1. List Rootbeer's new hobbies.
2. Why hadn't Don been able to get Kiki on the phone?
3. How does Jason calm Mr. Plotnik?

Chapter 14

1. Why does Peach have to come back to Toronto next summer?
2. Why does Joe have to move out of his apartment on September 20th?
3. Is it fair for Joe to blame Jason for this? Explain.

Chapter 15

1. What does Joe get the boys to do for him?
2. Why is Rootbeer arrested?
3. Why is the D-Lishus corporation suing "Chocolate Memories"?
4. Why won't Joe need a new apartment?
5. What are your overall thoughts about this novel?