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The Pigman Study Guide

Which description best matches which character?

DESCRIPTION	CHARACTER
The Cricket	Miss Reillen
An Older Brother	Kenneth Conlan (John's brother)
The Bore	John's father
Mr. Pignati's "best friend"	Bobo
A private-duty nurse	Lorraine's mother
The Bathroom Bomber	John
The Marshmallow Kid	Norton Kelly
A budding author	Lorraine
A retired electrician	Mr. Pignati (the Pigman)
A foreteller of death	The woman on Chambers street

Short Answer

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Once John and Lorraine confessed that they were not charity workers, what did the Pigman confess to them?

The Pigman confessed that his wife, Conchetta, had died

Why did John and Lorraine like going to the Pigman's house?

They enjoyed going to the Pigman's house because their own home lives didn't make them happy.

Why did Mr. Pignati collapse in the monkey house?

He collapsed because he was shocked about Bobo's death.

What did John and Lorraine decide to do to help them understand their role in the Pigman's death?

They decided to write the book *The Pigman*.

Why did John and Lorraine fear growing up?

They knew at as adults they would need to take more responsibilities for their actions.

True or False

Red answers are correct.

1. Did John think that baboons had the right approach to life because they created their own cages?
YES or NO
2. Did Lorraine conclude that someday her mother would understand that Lorraine needed a life of her own?
YES or **NO**
3. Did Lorraine and John conclude that they bore responsibility for the Pigman's death?
YES or NO
4. Did Lorraine conclude that play is one way of preparing for adulthood?
YES or NO
5. Did John conclude that he no longer could blame his failings on his parents?
YES or NO
6. Did Mr. Pignati think that John and Lorraine should be punished for damaging his house and possessions?
YES or **NO**
7. After the party, did Mr. and Mrs. Conlan conclude that John needed psychiatric help?
YES or NO
8. Did John conclude that Norton could be a threat to the Pigman?
YES or NO
9. Did Lorraine conclude that John's drinking and lying were problems that his family would eventually help him overcome?
YES or **NO**
10. Did John and Lorraine conclude that knowing the Pigman had taught them something valuable about themselves?
YES or NO