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| 1. Describe the **Harlem neighborhood**.  |  |
| 2. Who are the **4 members of the**  **gang** who are at the clubroom?  |  |
| 3. Where does Alfred **work** ?  What is his job? Who is his **boss**? |  |
| 4. What **secret** does Alfred reveal to the gang by accident? What does the gang decide to do? |  |
| 5. Who comes to the clubroom after the gang leaves?  Where does this person invite Alfred to go? |  |
| 6. What does Alfred **remember** about the store?  How does this make him feel?  |  |
| 7. Describe **the cave**. Why is it significant? |  |
| 8. Describe **James’ childhood**. What issue do you think probably broke up his family?  |  |
|  9. What happened to **Alfred’s parents**?  Who does he live with now?  |  |
| 10. What did **Alfred and James plan** to do when they grew up?  Why does Alfred think that this will not happen? |  |
| 11. What **happens to Alfred** when he reaches his street?  |  |
| 12. Why doesn’t Alfred ask the **police officers** for help? |  |
| **Prediction**: What do you think is going to happen to James and Alfred?  |  |
| **Chapter 2:**Directions: **Answer one** of the questions below in a complete paragraph. Write your final paragraph in **blue or black ink.** Be sure to include: a proper heading, a topic sentence, supporting sentences and a concluding sentence. 1) Alfred feels guilty in this chapter. * What does he feel guilty about?
* Have you ever felt guilty for something you did?
* Compare your situation to Alfred’s problem.
* How was your crisis similar or different than Alfred’s circumstances?

2) Alfred enters Donatelli’s Gym and says, “I want to be a fighter.” * What does he want to “fight” in his life?
* Describe his problems that he is trying to overcome.
* Do you think that sports can help a person conquer a problem? Why or why not?
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| **Characters: Complete the chart with information about the characters we have met in the book so far.** |
| **Character** | **Relationship to Alfred** | **Description** | **Important to Note** |
| Alfred Brooks | protagonist of the story | A seventeen year old high school dropout, works at a grocery store, and wants to escape from Harlem and make a good life for himself. | Alfred lives with his Aunt Pearl, his mother’s sister, and her girls since his father left home for good when he was ten, and his mother died of pneumonia three years later. |
| James |  |  |  |
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| Define each of the literary devices below, and find an example of the device in chapters 1 or 2.

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| Literary Device | Definition | Example of literary device in chapters 1 or 2 |
| Foreshadowing | A hint or clue about what will happen later in the story | “I know it ain’t easy living here. Someday, someday, we’re gonna move away, Alfred, and we…” She began to cry, softly ( 20 ) . |
| Imagery |  |  |
| Simile |  |  |
| Alliteration |  |  |
| Personification |  |  |
| Flashback |  |  |
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