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- 2 Prereading Activities
- 1 Study Guide (5 pages)
- 5 Vocabulary Activities
- 5 Literary Analysis Activities
- 3 Comprehension Activities
- 5 Unit Quizzes
- 2 Final Tests (two levels)
- Detailed Answer Key

**Plus**

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**Directions:** Fill in each blank in the following sentences with the correct vocabulary word.

- \_\_\_\_\_ among different segments of society often leads to verbal or physical conflicts.
- A person's reputation can \_\_\_\_\_ his credibility.
- Someone who \_\_\_\_\_ another person involves him or her in the illegal action.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ decision is based on honesty and virtue.
- Juvenile offenders may spend years in state \_\_\_\_\_.
- Neglect is a \_\_\_\_\_ factor in some infant deaths.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ person is easily led by someone with a dominant personality.
- It is difficult to correct \_\_\_\_\_ on a temporary job.
- A person may struggle for many years before reaching his or her full \_\_\_\_\_.
- Reasonable doubt justifies a jury to \_\_\_\_\_ someone who is accused of a crime.
- Conflicting testimony makes it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth during a trial.
- \_\_\_\_\_ information involves handing it over to another person.
- We often have \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts about events from the past.
- Teenagers desire \_\_\_\_\_ from their parents and teachers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ reflects more than one person's thoughts and/or opinions.
- Discussing a crime does not \_\_\_\_\_ the commission of that crime.
- People who are inwardly frightened often present an outward \_\_\_\_\_.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ incrimination may be difficult to prove.

## Using Dialogue

**Directions:** Choose a section of dialogue from the book to analyze. Fill in the chart to describe and evaluate how dialogue is used in the story.

Extra Credit—extra bits of dialogue I remember from my outside reading

Who is speaking?

How is the plot advanced with these words?

Investigated dialogue on pages \_\_\_\_\_

What is special about dialogue?

What does the dialogue tell you about the characters speaking?

**A. True/False**

- \_\_\_ 1. O'Brien accuses Petrocelli of using a "cheap trick" by showing the crime scene photos of Nesbitt just before the weekend.
- \_\_\_ 2. James King owns the gun used in the crime.
- \_\_\_ 3. Nesbitt died when the bullet pierced his brain.
- \_\_\_ 4. Steve's brother Jerry visits him in jail.
- \_\_\_ 5. Briggs questions Bobo's credibility by referring to him as a dope dealer and a thief.

**B. Write short answers to the following questions.**

- 6. How does Steve view his role in the crime?
- 7. What does Steve's mother tell him after she visits him in jail?
- 8. Why is Lorelle Henry a star witness for the prosecution?
- 9. Give three points from Bobo's testimony for the prosecution.
- 10. What is Osvaldo Cruz's stated reason for participating in the crime?