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12. Who does Slake see take over the train at Atlantic Avenue?
13. What new ritual does Slake perform at night that adds order to his life and comfort to his morning?
14. What does Slake observe while eating his breakfast one morning?
15. How does Slake prevent his breakfast from being eaten by the rat?
16. What new person does Slake meet in the subway? What is she doing?
17. What does Slake give to the rat?
18. What do people begin to look like to Willis Joe?

Chapters 11 and 12, pages 88-103

1. How does Slake know that it is deep into the winter?
2. Why is it important for the people to stand still while the lights are out in the subway station?
3. Who holds Slake's hand during the power outage?
4. What game is Slake reminded of when the lights come on? Why?
5. Why do the policemen chase after a boy in the station?
6. Who does Slake fight with in one of his nightmares?
7. To what does Slake devote his time on Sundays?
8. What is written on the sign carried by the boy who threw his hat?
9. What is the first thing Slake sprays on his newspaper-covered wall?
10. What color does Slake paint the sky in the picture on his walls?
11. What does Willis Joe's family begin to look like to him?
12. What are the policemen putting up in the station?
13. What causes the accident in the station?
14. Where does Slake spend the night since he can't go back to his room in the station?
15. Who tells Slake that the train tunnel will be repaired?

Name _____

Going to New York

Directions: Using a map of the United States, estimate how far it is from your state to the state of New York. Which states touch the state of New York? What are the major cities in New York? Does New York have mountains or lakes? If so, name them. What is the capital of New York? What is the state bird? What is the state known as? When was the subway built?

Now write a paragraph that explains the route you would take to travel to New York City. Which states and cities would you pass through? Try to plan the shortest possible route from your home to New York City. (Note: If you live in New York, pick a city in another state that you would like to visit and explain how you would travel from your home to the city you choose.)

