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| **Week 1: October 16 - 18** | **Week 1: October 16 - 18** |
| **Acceleration Questions – Chapter One**   1. How does Duncan feel about work? Use two examples from the chapter in your answer to support your ideas. 2. Find one reference that Duncan makes in this chapter about his parents. What might this tell you about his relationship with his parents? 3. What does Duncan find in the Lost and Found that disturbs him? Why is it upsetting? 4. What signs of mental illness does the author of the book demonstrate?   **Acceleration Questions – Chapter Two**   1. What skill is Duncan proud of in this chapter? 2. Summarize the dream that Duncan has. Make sure you note the details given in the last four paragraphs of the chapter to complete your notes.   **Acceleration Questions – Chapter Three**   1. Who is the narrator in this chapter? 2. Why might the author have used italics in this chapter?   **Acceleration Questions – Chapters Four and Five**   1. These two chapters are, in part, meant to introduce you to Duncan’s two closest friends. For each friend, describe 2 personality traits, giving and example to illustrate each trait. You may use the following chart to help you organize your ideas.  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Trait** | **Example** | |  |  |  | |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  1. Why do you think Vinny lied about his arm? 2. For what crime were Wayne and Duncan arrested? Summarize the main details of the event. | **Acceleration Questions – Chapter One**   1. How does Duncan feel about work? Use two examples from the chapter in your answer to support your ideas. 2. Find one reference that Duncan makes in this chapter about his parents. What might this tell you about his relationship with his parents? 3. What does Duncan find in the Lost and Found that disturbs him? Why is it upsetting? 4. What signs of mental illness does the author of the book demonstrate?   **Acceleration Questions – Chapter Two**   1. What skill is Duncan proud of in this chapter? 2. Summarize the dream that Duncan has. Make sure you note the details given in the last four paragraphs of the chapter to complete your notes.   **Acceleration Questions – Chapter Three**   1. Who is the narrator in this chapter? 2. Why might the author have used italics in this chapter?   **Acceleration Questions – Chapters Four and Five**   1. These two chapters are, in part, meant to introduce you to Duncan’s two closest friends. For each friend, describe 2 personality traits, giving and example to illustrate each trait. You may use the following chart to help you organize your ideas.  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Name** | **Trait** | **Example** | |  |  |  | |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  1. Why do you think Vinny lied about his arm? 2. For what crime were Wayne and Duncan arrested? Summarize the main details of the event. |
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