

That Was Then, This Is Now Study Guide

Dear English 9 student,

While choosing this summer's novel, I considered books recommended by former English 9 students. I've chosen *That Was Then, This Is Now* by S. E. Hinton because students really become engrossed in the story of Mark, M and M, Bryon, Cathy, and the other teenagers in the book. It is not a difficult book; it will not be hard to follow. It is set in the US about 50 years ago, during the time of the Vietnam War. It is also the period when America first began having an illegal drug problem. Even though the story is set in the past, as you read you will find that teenagers still must confront the same problems today.

Enjoy the book!

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Please complete the following study guide as you read. It will help you prepare for our discussions and the test. Write your answers on a separate piece of paper. This study guide is due Thurs., August 20th

- I. Identify the following characters. Write at least one complete sentence for each character.
Bryon, Charlie, Cathy, M and M, Mark, Mike, and Mrs. Douglas
- II. Answer the following questions about the novel. Write in complete sentences.
1. What does it mean to hustle pool? Why are Bryon and Mark so good at it?
 2. Name two people in the hospital in chapter 3.
 3. Name at least 3 specific ways that Mark and Bryon get in trouble.
 4. What happened to Mark when he defended Curtis?
 5. Why did M & M run away? What happened to him after he ran away?
 6. Who is Angela and why did she get married?
 7. Later in the book, how does Mark earn his money?
 8. Why is Bryon beaten by Angela's brother?
 9. Why didn't Bryon want Mark to take revenge on the Shepards?
 10. Who tells the police about Mark near the end of the story? How does Mark feel about this person? How does Bryon feel?