

That was Then, This is Now Socratic Seminar



Directions: Answer the following questions after reading the novel. Be sure to answer each part (some ask more than one question). Put thought and effort into each one and be prepared to discuss each of them!

1. How did you feel when you finished this story? Did you feel sorry for anyone? If so, why? What parts made you feel happy? Frustrated?
2. How satisfying did you find the ending? How else might the novel have ended?
3. Explain exactly why you think Bryon decided to call the police when he found the drugs under Mark's mattress.
4. How has Bryon changed? Why? Why do you think he broke things off with Cathy?
5. Why does it take Bryon so long to see Mark? How can you tell that he is trying to "make up" with Mark? Do you think Mark will ever forgive him?
6. What do you think will become of Mark?
7. What do you imagine finally happened to M & M? Would he be able to finish school and support himself? What is the worst-case scenario?
8. Cathy played an important role in this novel. How would the story be different without her character? Explain.
9. Some things in this novel seem "dated," for instance the hippie commune, and the language. If the novel was updated, how would it change? Do you think this story is still effective in spite of being dated somewhat?
10. Does this novel have any heroes? Who? Why or why not?
11. Explain what you think S.E. Hinton's message (theme) to young people is.

12. **Think & Respond:** How did the power of one choice affect the plot of this story?

Choice:

How did the choice affect the plot of the story?
