

SHOWDOWN AT ST. ANN'S BEFORE READING

The Situation:

A gang, the Russell gang, is terrorizing St. Ann's Middle High.

Form four groups, each group responsible for writing and performing one of the following scenes:

Scene One:

The gang goes about the school grounds, extorting food and money from the students. When a group of kids protests and the gang begins getting rough with them, a teacher hurries to their help, telling the gang to leave the children alone. The gang leader laughs at him and tells him to mind his own business. The teacher says it is his business to protect the students. When he tries to lead them to safety, the gang leader pushes him away.

Scene Two:

Shirley is talking to her boyfriend Tyler. She tells him that her parents have heard about the gang. They have decided to send Shirley to another school at the end of the semester. Shocked, Tyler tells Shirley that will mean the end of their relationship. She asks him to change schools, too, but Tyler explains that his parents can't afford to send him to the school she will be going to. Their friend Clay comes along and tells them that one of their favorite teachers, Mr. Carr, will also leave the school.

Scene Three:

Several girls are standing outside the principal's office, watching Allan, the new boy, fill out forms. Excited, they comment on how cool he is.

At lunchtime in the cafeteria, the new boy is sitting with a group of students. When Shirley and Tyler come along, one of the group describes to them what happened to the gang when they tried to get money from the new boy. The gang didn't know that Allan was a black belt holder! Everyone laughs but stop suddenly when they notice that the Russell gang is watching them.

Scene Four:

The Russell gang have set a trap for Allan. Rajon, the leader of the gang, is sitting on a bench at a bus stop alone. When Allan gets out of the bus, Rajon pretends he wants to have a friendly talk with him. Allan is mistrustful at first, but then listens as Rajon sadly talks about the broken home he comes from. Suddenly, he gives a signal and the rest of the gang come out of hiding and grab Allan from behind. Rajon beats him up and leaves him lying on the ground.

With his cell phone, Allan calls his mother, who comes for him. She helps him into the car and drives him to the hospital.

Showdown at St. Ann's After Reading

After finishing the story, put your book aside and do this comprehension test.

Mark the sentences true or false. Then check your answers. How many did you get right?

42-48= excellent 36-41=good 30-35=satisfactory 24-29=acceptable

Chapter One

- 1-Tyler's mother made him a cup of coffee.
- 2-Tyler told her he got hurt playing squash.
- 3-When he saw Shirley surrounded by the gang, Tyler went to her rescue.

Chapter Two

- 1-Shirley told her parents that the gang sometimes took stuff from her.
- 2-Shirley's parents decided that Shirley must change schools.
- 3-Mr. Carr told the school secretary that he was leaving St. Ann's.

Chapter Three

- 1-Tyler met the new boy in the cafeteria.
- 2-Chico explained to the others what happened when the gang met Allan.
- 3-When he finished clapping at Chico's performance, Rajon began to stare at Allan.

Chapter Four

- 1-The gang met in town, then went to Rajon's.
- 2-Rajon got angry and hit one of the gang members.
- 3-When Rajon began walking around the table, all of the gang were watching him.

Chapter Five

- 1-Allan enjoyed all the attention he got at school.
- 2-Rajon told Allan that his father was a heavy drinker.
- 3-When Allan came out of the hospital, he was wearing a cast on his right arm.

Chapter Six

- 1-Tyler warned Shirley that the Russell gang was coming toward them.
- 2-Rajon searched Tyler's pockets and found a ten dollar bill.
- 3-Tyler compared the three security men to monkeys.

Chapter Seven

- 1-Mr. Carr tried to help some students the gang was pushing around.
- 2-Tyler met with Allan and Shirley at Starbucks.
- 3-Allan thought it would take him about a week to teach the group the basics of judo.

Chapter Eight

- 1-It wasn't easy for Allan to teach judo moves with his arm in a cast.
- 2-Rajon hit Shirley in the nose.

3-When Shirley woke up, Tyler was holding her in his arms.

Chapter Nine

1-Allan had a plan for taking the gang by surprise.

2-Shirley wanted to be one of the 'little fish'.

3-Allan wanted to be one of the 'little fish' because of his arm.

Chapter Ten

1-Chico didn't think anything could go wrong with their plan.

2-Shirley said she wanted to take on Rajon.

3-Allan said that Tyler was almost as big as Rajon and quicker.

Chapter Eleven

1-Tyler wasn't paying attention in his Spanish class.

2-Mr. Perez had to tell Tyler what page to read from.

3-Shirley was angry with Tyler because she hadn't got her way.

Chapter Twelve

1-As Tyler and Clay waited for the gang, some security men watched them.

2-For three days, Tyler and the others waited for the gang but the gang didn't come.

3-Frustrated, Tyler and the others decided to give up their plan.

Chapter Thirteen

1-In his dream, Tyler saw sharks swimming his way.

2-Allan said the dream was a kind of message.

3-Rajon heard Tyler talking about his dream.

Chapter Fourteen

1-As he waited for the gang to appear, Tyler grew more and more nervous.

2-When Shirley appeared from her hiding place, she immediately confronted Rajon.

3-Before he fought Shirley, Rajon took off his jacket.

Chapter Fifteen

1-Rajon shook his head because he couldn't see straight.

2-Soon after Rajon walked away, his gang did the same.

3-When the fight was over, Tyler wondered who Shirley would go to first.

Epilogue

1-Shirley's parents changed their minds and said she could stay at St. Ann's.

2-Tyler wrote a rap called 'Showdown at St. Ann's'.

3-When the rap was finished, the principal gave a little speech.