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HIT SQUAD

**English 101/201
Summer Read Assignment
Hit Squad**

Directions: This assignment is due the first day of school. Please answer each question in full sentence format (with the exception of the chart which can be in bullet points) and provide detailed responses. Please be prepared to discuss the ideas and themes of this novel in your English class during the first few days of school.

Character Chart

Use the following chart to add details about the character's physical description (what they look like), personality (what kind of person they are), and behavior (what they do). Make sure you add information to the chart as you read through the entire novel.

❖ Each character should have at least two descriptions in each box.

❖ You will have to go back to this chart and add information as you read.

Name of Character	Physical Description of Character	Character's Personality/Behavior
Mona		
Shelly		
Mickey		
Birget		
Joey		

Name of Character	Physical Description of Character	Character's Personality/Behavior
Peter		
Winston "Whisper"		
Hector "Heck"		
Gordie Tweed		
Gino Bibby		
Candy		

Important: Please answer the questions below *while* reading each chapter. At the end of each chapter you will be asked to create a title for the chapter you have just read and explain why you chose this title. After you read a chapter, stop to think about what you just read and the major events that happened in the chapter. It is your job to give each chapter a title that you think will fit it best. See what you can come up with and try to be creative.

❖ The first chapter is done for you as an example.

Chapter 1

1. Who is being bullied in chapter one?
2. Who are the bullies?
3. Give a 1-2 sentence summary of what happens to Birgit in chapter one.
4. Create a title for chapter 1. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: Art Room Bullies

Explanation: I feel that this is a good title for chapter one because this chapter is about two girls, Shelley and Mona, who are very mean and act like bullies in art class.

Chapter 2

1. Give a one sentence summary of what happened to Mickey (pages 11 – 14).
2. When Mickey was part of the Creekside Cougars his nickname was “Suicide”. How did he get this nickname and why was it not really an accurate nickname?

3. Create a title for chapter 3. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 3

1. Much of this story takes place at Grandview High School. Describe this setting and the type of students who go there.

2. Make a prediction: Why do you think Birgit has called this secret meeting?

3. Mickey recognizes Birgit from somewhere. Please describe in 2 - 3 sentences Mickey's memory of meeting Birgit in the past.

4. Create a title for chapter 3. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 4

1. Whisper describes the problems that are happening at Grandview. Summarize the problem in your own words.

2. What is Birgit's goal?

3. Create a title for chapter 4. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 5

1. Do you think Birgit's plan is a good plan? Be sure to explain why or why not.

2. What is Mickey's reason for joining Birgit's group?

3. Create a title for chapter 5. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 6

1. List all of the people who live at Hobbit house. Why do Larry and Annie have all of these kids living at Hobbit House?

2. Create a title for chapter 6. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 7

1. Mickey rides his bike to visit Joey, his friend who was injured. How was Joey injured?

2. What is the first “hit” that the group decides on for their first act of revenge?

3. In your opinion, is this the right thing to do? Why or why not?

4. Create a title for chapter 7. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 8

1. After reading chapter 8, write a 2 - 3 sentence summary of the chapter.

2. Who were the kidnappers? How do you know?

3. Create a title for chapter 8. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 9

1. Why do you think Mickey is having mixed feelings about what they did?

2. Who did they pick for their second “hit” and why?

3. Create a title for chapter 9. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 10

1. Why is Candy concerned about Heck?

2. What is Candy's opinion about the Hit Squad?

3. Create a title for chapter 10. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 11

1. Do you feel that Mickey, Birgit, Peter, and Whisper have created a good plan to solve the problem of bullying in their school? Why or why not?

2. Create a title for chapter 11. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 12

1. In their plan to get revenge in chapter 12, what weapon do they plan to use on the two boys?

2. At the end of chapter 12 make a prediction: What do you think will happen next?

3. Create a title for chapter 12. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 13

1. In chapter 13 the author uses very specific word choices and descriptions to build suspense. Give two quotes (including quotation marks and page numbers) that clearly show how the author uses word choices to build suspense.

Quote 1:

Quote 2:

2. What is Birgit's opinion of Heck? How do you know? (Be very specific.)

3. Describe the outcome of the revenge "hit" on Tweed and Bibby.

4. Create a title for chapter 13. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 14

1. After reading chapter 14, write a 2 - 3 sentence summary of the chapter.

2. Create a title for chapter 14. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____

Chapter 15

1. Why is Mickey suffering from so much guilt?
2. List and describe two ways that Mickey has changed since Heck's death.
3. Create a title for chapter 15. Explain why this would be a good title for this chapter.

Title: _____ Explanation: _____
