

# Section 1

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**Read** > Chapters 1-2







## Vocabulary

Use a dictionary to define the following words.

**astonish**

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**indignant**

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**loiter**

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**maneuver**

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**rogue**

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**swagger**

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**twitter**

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Choose five of your vocabulary words and use each in a complete sentence that illustrates your understanding of the word's meaning.

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## Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions using complete sentences. You may refer to both the book and your journal notes.

1. Why doesn't Armand worry about rent or burglars?

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2. Where will Armand take up residence for the winter?

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3. What does Armand think of children?

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4. What does Armand eat for dinner (his mid-day meal)?

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5. What shocks Armand when he arrives back at his niche under the bridge?

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6. When Armand finds the children, what reason does the older girl give that they can't be taken away?

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7. What does Suzy do when Armand tells her they have put him out of his home?

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**Comprehension Questions** (continued)

8. What two things does Armand hope never to be?

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9. When Suzy tells her mother that Armand is a “*nice, friendly old tramp*,” what is his response?

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10. Why can't the children go to school?

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11. What does Suzy want to do when she grows up?

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12. Why is Suzy sure that Armand will take her and the children with him?

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## Discussion Questions

Think about and discuss the following questions.

1. Discuss a time when you have had a tickly feeling that something new and exciting was going to happen.
2. Why do you think Armand fears children? Do you think his fear is valid? Why or why not?
3. Why would someone fear revealing his heart? Are you ever afraid to reveal your heart, or your thoughts, or your imagination to others?
4. By choosing to walk away from responsibility, do you think Armand is missing anything good?
5. When the two boys near the cathedral stop their swordplay to look at the “funny old tramp,” why do you think Armand does not realize they are talking about him?
6. Why do you think Suzy is adamant about the importance of families sticking together? What do you think?
7. When the children’s mother arrives, Armand cannot see her well, but he “*felt the edge of her tongue.*” What do you think this means?
8. The children and their mother decided it was better to stay together and have nothing than to be separated and have food and shelter, what do you think of this decision?
9. When Armand finds the children under the bridge, why do you think he unpacks and stays even though he is grumbling?
10. Do you know anyone who acts mean or grumbles a lot, but might have a good heart on the inside? Why do you think they act this way?