



Bayview High

High Stakes

Chapter 18: Cool Hand James

Understanding the Text—Comprehension

1. Why do you think Gus did not return Matt's phone immediately? What might have happened if he did? (p. 104)

2. How was James different than his online description? Were you surprised? Why or why not? (p. 105)

3. Why did James not give Gus his money? Were you surprised? Why or why not? If you were Gus, what would you have done? (p. 105)

4. Describe the Rusty Nail in three or four sentences. (pp. 106–107)

5. Why do you think the game was in a storeroom in the basement? (p. 107)

6. List three words to describe how Gus was feeling? (pp. 105–108)
