***Mystery Novel Study Guide Answers***

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| QUESTION | **ANSWERS** |
| **What point of view is your novel told from? How do you know this?** | The novel is told from the first person point of view. I know this because of the personal pronouns that are used. For example: I, me, and my. |
| **What is the setting of your novel?** | A small town, Wakefield. |
| **Plot** | While swimming in the quarry, Tyler and Lymie discover a dead body. It turns out to be the janitor from their school. Tyler discovers who dumped the bodies. The boys confess. |
| **Who are the characters in your novel? List both the major and minor characters.**  | Tyler, Lymie, Mrs. Saunders, BooBoo Anderson, Mark Blumberg, Mary Grace, Jack Robbins. Mr. Blumberg, Beaver Bruckman. |
| **Of the characters in the book, who were some suspects and why?**  | Mark Blumberg and Jack Robbins. Tyler overheard them talking about it. Beaver’s car has a red interior like the one Tyler and Lymie saw at the quarry. |
| **Sleuth/Detective: Who is trying to solve the mystery? If there is no official sleuth/detective, which characters act as detectives in trying to solve the crime?** | The local police are investigating. Tyler also investigates the crime.  |
| **Foreshadowing and Clues. What were some of the clues that helped the reader and the characters solve the mystery?** | Tyler and Lymie see two people by a car with a red interior at the quarry where they find the body. Tyler overhears Mark and Beaver discussing the dumping of the body. There is chlorine in BooBoo’s lungs. Jack’s reaction to the sign advertising a pool party was also a clue.  |
| **Red Herrings. What were some of the red herrings that distracted the reader and/or the characters from figuring out what really happened?** | Mark and Jack claimed they saw two hitchhikers.  |
| **The Conclusion: How did the novel end? How was the mystery solved?** | Jack confessed due to his feelings of guilt. Mark had to turn himself in.  |
| **MOTIVE: What motivated the killer to commit the crime?** | BooBoo’s death was an accident. The crime was covering it up, which they did to protect themselves. |

***THE TROUBLE WITH LEMONS***