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Reading Guide for "Midway"

I. Vocabulary

illicit (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

reverberate (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

blush (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

pity (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

II. Questions during Reading:

1. What does Junior do that causes his brother to think he might be crazy?
2. Where did the narrator and Junior get their dining room table? What does this piece of setting say about their life?
3. How many suitcases does Junior have? What does this indicate about him?
4. How old is the narrator?
5. Why do the brothers get kicked out of their house?
6. Why do the brothers move out of Eddie's house?
7. What is the "central event" in the brother's lives?

8. What drives most people crazy at the Solo factory?
9. How did the narrator and Junior win pumpkin-carving contests every year?
10. Why does the picture of the pumpkin contest make the narrator angry?
11. What does the narrator say to get Junior out of trouble at the airport?
12. What reason does Junior give for stealing other people's luggage?
13. Why does the narrator think maybe he should be thankful that his dad left his family?

III. Literary Terms. Below are questions that require you know the definitions of the literary terms.
Answer the question

1. What is the **setting** of the story?
2. What is the **tone** of this story?
3. What is the major **conflict** in the story?
4. Who is the **narrator**?