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## **Flush Study Guide for Chapters 15-21**

To study for the test over Chapters 15-21, you will need to know:

1. What is an idiom? Give one example of an idiom from the novel.  
*An idiom is a word or phrase which means something different from what it says – it is usually a metaphor. An idiom is an expression peculiar to a certain group of people and/or used only under certain circumstances. Noah talks about how his dad “flies off the handle” when he finds out there’s pollution in the environment. Another example is when Abbey says, “He’s lost his marbles.”*
2. What is allusion? Give one example of an allusion from the novel.  
*An allusion is a reference to a well-known person, place, event, literary work, or work of art, often used to help make a comparison. When Noah talks about the reality show “Survivor”, he is alluding to how the contestants have to survive on their own with no help. Another example is when Noah refers to Mike Tyson, a famous boxer, after his dad punches holes in the walls and door.*
3. What is onomatopoeia? Give one example of onomatopoeia from the novel.  
*Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates or suggests the source of the sound that describes. One example of this is when Shelly, “glugged a long drink from her glass”. Another example is, “but it wasn’t long afterward that I heard the wheezy chug-a-chug-chug of a small outboard motor.”*
4. What is personification? Give one example of personification from the novel.  
*Personification is a type of figurative language in which a non-human subject is given human characteristics. One example is when Grandpa Bobby talks about Paine and states “his brain takes a nap and lets his heart take the tiller.” Or when Noah is trying to get the boat started he says, “The engine shuddered, coughed once, then went silent.”*
5. What is tone? What is the tone of the novel?  
*Tone is the attitude of an author toward the subject that he/she is writing about. The overall tone in the novel is mostly humorous and amusing.*
6. What is theme? What is the theme of the novel?  
*Theme is the central message, idea or concern expressed in a literary work. The theme of the novel is about how humans should not pollute the environment and to protect nature and animals.*
7. What are the events of Operation Royal Flush?  
*While their parents are out, Noah and Abbey sneak out and take the dinghy to prove that Dusty Muleman is letting all the waste from the bathrooms on the Coral Queen get flushed into the basin. Abbey waits in the dinghy while Noah sneaks onto the boat in an empty liquor crate, carried on by Dusty’s “goons”. With help from Shelley, he puts fuchsia food coloring in the toilets in the ladies’ room. Noah has to make a run for it when an old lady wants to get into the bathroom and jumps off the boat to get away from the bouncers chasing him. He swims to the dinghy but he and Abbey can’t get the boat started. As they drift closer to the pier, they find Luno, the 400 pound bouncer, pointing a gun at them. The old pirate comes out of nowhere and starts beating up Luno, the boat miraculously starts and Noah and Abbey get away. However, they get caught out at sea overnight when the boat stops working again. Dad and Grandpa Bobby (aka the old pirate) finally rescue them in the morning. Later, the Coast Guard sees the food coloring that marks the waste that has been flushed into the ocean.*

8. What are Paine Underwood's main feelings towards pollution in the environment?  
*It makes him very angry when he hears about any pollution happening in the environment. He feels there is no excuse for polluting the environment because it is cruel to animals and nature.*
9. How does he teach his children about standing up for what is right?  
*He sinks the Coral Queen and goes to jail. He serves as an example and stays in jail to make his point even though he ends up being free to go.*
10. What 2 phone calls does Noah make after he and Abbey are rescued?  
*He calls the Coast Guard and the Island Examiner newspaper.*
11. What is the main conflict of the novel?  
*The main conflict of the novel starts when Paine Underwood sinks the Coral Queen and goes to jail. The conflict continues with Noah and Abbey trying to prove that Dusty Muleman is dumping waste into the ocean from his casino boat.*
12. What point of view is used in the novel? Why does the author use this type of point of view?  
*The point of view in the novel is first-person which allows the author to share Noah's inner thoughts and feelings.*
13. How does Paine change by the end of the story?  
*He has learned how to put things into perspective after going to jail, taking anger management classes, fracturing both hands after punching the walls and door in his house, reuniting with his father, and seeing his children bravely carry out Operation Royal Flush.*
14. What happens to the Coral Queen by the end of the story? Who is responsible?  
*Jasper Jr. and Bull accidentally burn down the boat when they smoke cigars aboard. While the wreck is being hauled to another location, it comes loose and sinks to the bottom of the ocean.*
15. What is Grandpa Bobby looking for?  
*He is looking for his boat, the Amanda Rose.*
16. What is the green flash? What does it symbolize for the Underwood family?  
*The green flash can be seen sometimes at sunset just before the sun "hits" the horizon. It symbolizes happiness for the family.*
17. What does Grandpa Bobby give Noah? What does he give Abbey?  
*Grandpa Bobby gives Noah his gold coin necklace. He gives Abbey a pair of emerald earrings.*
18. Why does the author give the name "Paine" to Mr. Underwood? Give an example of how he is a "pain".  
*Paine does not stop until he gets what he wants. One example of him being a "pain" is when he sinks the Coral Queen then frustrates his wife and family by staying in jail just to make a point.*