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1. What is unusual about Zigzag's television viewing? **Zigzag is watching a broken TV screen.**
2. Why, according to Stanley, are the shovels locked up at night? **According to Stanley, they locked up the shovels at night so they couldn't be used as weapons.**
3. How does Stanley's mother feel about his being at camp? **Stanley's mother feels proud of Stanley because is making the best of a bad situation.**
4. Why does Stanley's apartment smell bad? **Stanley's apartment smells bad because his Dad is trying to invent a way to recycle old sneakers.**
5. What is Stanley surprised to learn about Zero? **Stanley is surprised that Zero hasn't heard of Sesame Street or the nursery rhyme about the old lady that lived in a shoe.**
6. Does the warden sound like a reasonable person to you? Why/Why not? **Teacher check.**
7. Why does Stanley write his letter in the tent? **Stanley writes his letter in the tent so the other boys wouldn't make fun of him for writing to his mother.**
8. Why do you think Zero watches Stanley write? **Teacher check**
9. In what way has Stanley's heart hardened since coming to camp? **Stanley had become less likely to help anyone who couldn't help him in return and this was the way in which his heart had hardened.**
10. How do you feel about Zero in Chapter 18? Why? **Teacher check.**
11. Explain how Stanley is in the wrong place at the wrong time in Chapter 19. **Mr. Sir arrived just as the stolen sun flower fell to the bottom of Stanley's hole.**
12. What sort of boy do you think Magnet is? Why? **Teacher check**