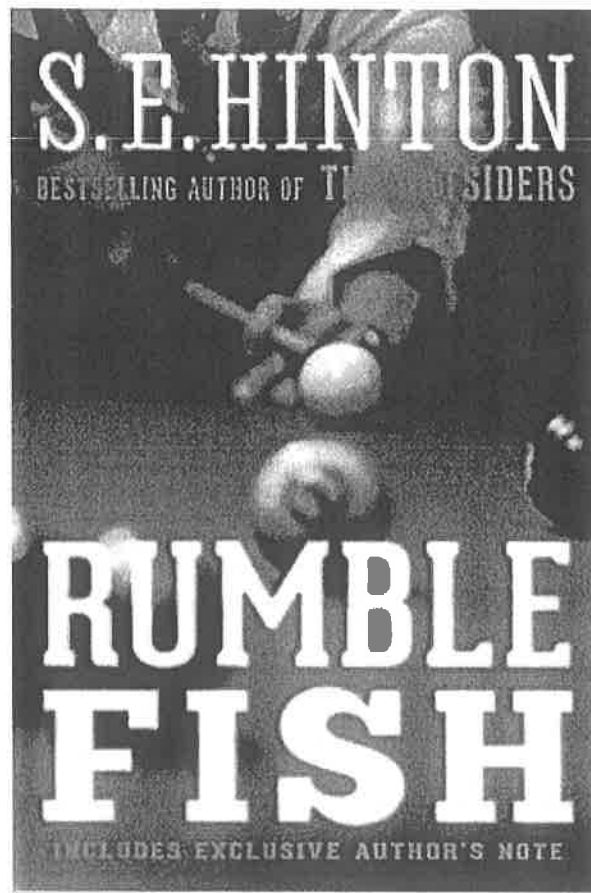


# Rumble Fish



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## Chapter 1 & 2 Vocabulary

**Directions:** Define the following vocabulary, and then write a sentence for each word.

1. Solitary: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Complicated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Vacant: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Cautious: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Pestered: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Allies: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Chapter 1 & 2: Comprehension

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**Directions:** After reading Chapters 1 & 2 answer the following questions.

1. Where was Rusty-James when the story opened?

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2. Whom did he meet? What did they speak about?

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3. Steve made a comment that got Rusty-James remembering something. What was Steve's comment?

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4. What literary device starts at the beginning of Chapter 2?

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5. What are Rusty-James's two main problems in chapter?

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6. How did Steve and some of the other boys feel about the fight between Rusty-James and Biff?

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7. Rusty James said Steve reminded him of something. What was it?

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## Chapter 3 Vocabulary

**Directions:** Define the following vocabulary, and then write a sentence for each word.

1. Tension: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Rumble: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Sarcastic: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Tinge: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Maniac: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Dozing: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Non Fiction Writing Assignment

Title of Nonfiction Read \_\_\_\_\_

Written by: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

I. **Factual summary:** Write a short summary of the piece you read.

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II. **Vocabulary:**

1. Which words were difficult? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did you do to help yourself understand the words?

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III. Interpretation:

1. What was the main point the author wanted you to get from his/her work?

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IV. Criticism:

1. Which points of the piece did you agree with or found easy to believe? Why?

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2. With which points of the piece did you disagree or find difficult to believe? Why?

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V. Personal response:

1. What did you think about this piece?

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2. How does this piece help you better understand the novel *Rumblefish*?

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### **Comprehension Questions: Chapter 3**

**Directions:** Complete the following questions after reading chapter 3.

1. Where did Rusty-James go when he left Benny's?

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2. What did Patty want Rusty-James to do? What was his answer?

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3. What was the tension between Smokey and Rusty-James?

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4. What condition was Biff in? How did Rusty-James feel about it?

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5. What was it about the way Biff was fighting that upset Rusty-James the most? Why?

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6. Describe the fight. Include the way it ended.

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7. What had happened to the Motorcycle Boy in school? Why?

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8. How old are the Motorcycle Boy and Rusty-James? What do they look like? What is their relationship?

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9. What did Steve say the difference between the Motorcycle Boy and Rusty-James was?

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10. How did Rusty-James feel about the Motorcycle Boy?

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## Chapter 4 & 5 Vocabulary

**Directions:** Define the following vocabulary, and then write a sentence for each word.

1. Obnoxious: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Scrounging: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Simulated: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Superelite: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Sassy: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Chapter 4 & 5 Study Guide Questions

**Directions:** Answer the following questions.

1. Describe the scene with Coach Ryan.

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2. Describe the scene with the Chevy. What did Rusty-James do, why, and what was Steve's reaction?

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3. Who was Cassandra? What did she and Rusty-James talk about?

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4. What was Rusty James's father's reaction to the knife wound?

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5. How did Rusty-James feel about his father?

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6. What rumor did his father ask Rusty-James about? What did Rusty-James tell him?

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## Chapter 6 & 7 Vocabulary

**Directions:** Define the following vocabulary, and then write a sentence for each word.

1. Tolerate: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Alternative: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Stalking: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Novelty: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Scowling: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Abandoned: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Eventually: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Dazedly: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Throbbing: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 6 & 7 Study Guide Questions

**Directions:** Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to Rusty-James at school? How did he feel about it?

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2. What happened when Rusty-James saw Patty at the bus stop? How did he feel about it?

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3. Describe the scene between Rusty-James and the Motorcycle Boy in the drugstore.

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4. What was it about the Motorcycle Boy that scared Rusty-James?

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5. How did Rusty-James feel about the city?

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6. Why didn't the Motorcycle Boy drink alcohol?

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7. What happened when they went into the movie theater?

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8. What did the Motorcycle Boy tell Rusty-James while they were walking along? How did Rusty-James react to the news?

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## Chapter 8 & 9 Vocabulary

**Directions:** Define the following vocabulary, and then write a sentence for each word.

1. Clipped: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Rasping: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Primitive: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Innate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Distorted: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Chapter 8 & 9 Study Guide Questions

**Directions:** Answer the following questions.

1. How did Rusty-James describe the feeling when the black guy hit him?

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2. How was Rusty-James saved?

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3. What did the Motorcycle Boy say about the gangs?

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4. The Motorcycle Boy said Rusty-James had one vice. What was it?

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5. What scared Steve and Rusty-James about the Motorcycle Boy?

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6. Describe what happened at Steve's house.

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7. What did Rusty-James tell Steve he wanted the two of them to do? What was Steve's reply?

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8. How did Rusty-James react to Steve's answer?

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9. What did Steve say next to Rusty-James? How did Rusty-James react? How did the discussion end?

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## Chapter 10, 11 & 12 Vocabulary

**Directions:** Define the following vocabulary, and then write a sentence for each word.

1. Atheist: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Precedent: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Acute: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Perception: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Contrary: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Miscast: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Pagan: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Era: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Story Map**

Characters:	Setting
Main:	Time:
Minor:	Place:

Theme	Point of View

**Plot**

Problem	Events	Solution
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### Chapter 10, 11, & 12 Study Guide Questions

**Directions:** Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Rusty-James say he liked telling about the things that happened?

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2. Describe the scene between Smokey and Rusty-James at Benny's.

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3. Why did Smokey say he would be president if there were still gangs? How did Rusty-James react?

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4. Where was the Motorcycle Boy, and what was he doing? What did he say to Rusty-James?

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5. The Motorcycle Boy said he was sorry about something. What was it?

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6. Describe the discussion between Rusty-James and his father about his mother and the Motorcycle Boy.

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7. Where did Rusty-James and the Motorcycle Boy go that night? What happened?

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8. What happened to Rusty-James?

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9. Was Rusty-James planning to meet Steve for dinner? What was his reason?

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## **Writing to Persuade**

**PROMPT:**

In Chapter 9, Steve says to Rusty James, "I've tried to help you, but I've got to think about myself some." Earlier, Steve was upset when Rusty-James stole the hubcaps. In Chapter 12, Steve told Rusty-James he used to worry about the amount he drank. These scenes show Steve's concern for his friend's welfare. Pretend you are one of Rusty-James' s friends. What would you say to him to try and convince him to change his ways and adopt a healthier life style?

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