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AP Composition *In Cold Blood* Study Questions “The Corner”

These questions draw on your ability to recall and interpret material from the text. Your answers should be as complete as possible, offering specific examples and quotations where appropriate.

1. Which part of Perry’s statement is false? Why did Perry lie? Why does he feel compelled to tell the truth? What does this reveal about him?

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2. Despite the religious sentiment behind the letter from Don Cullivan, why do you suppose Perry is so quick in his response?

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3. How does Dick’s behavior in prison suggest he feels no remorse for the crime he participated in?

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4. Describe the turnout at the Clutter family auction in comparison with Hideo Ashida’s auction. Why did the two differ?

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5. Which details included in Smith’s autobiographical statement might lend support to an insanity plea?

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6. Explain how Dick tries to use his confession to Dr. Jones to help mount an insanity defense.

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7. How does the hanging of Andrews demonstrate the inhumanity of the death penalty?

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8. Dick cracks jokes until the bitter end of his life. What does his behavior reveal about his character?

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9. Why is Dewey more bothered by the death of Smith than the death of Hickock?

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10. What finally brings Dewey the closure he needed in the Clutter case?

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