

Additional Selection Questions

Differentiation Use these questions to provide customized practice with comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Easy

- 1. Recall** What did Brock do while his podfellows played virtual games? How did this activity affect him? (*He read ancient fictions, which made him curious about the outside world.*)
- 2. Identify Setting** In what ways is the dome a controlled environment? (*The atmospheric conditions, food intake, and water usage are regulated. People's movements in and out of the dome are monitored. Even the process of having and raising children is controlled in a laboratory. In addition, the control seems to extend to emotions. People show little evidence of bonding with each other and rarely display extreme feelings.*)
- 3. Why are pets good COMPANIONS?**
What does the puppy demand from Brock that he has never had to give to anyone in the dome? (*The puppy needs to be taken care of, whereas the inhabitants of the dome are self-sufficient. The puppy also seems to need Brock's companionship and compassion.*)

Average

- 4. Identify Sequence in Plot** What did Brock have to do before being allowed to leave the dome? (*He had to receive permission and undergo an interview with the podmaster and someone from Research. He had to be outfitted with equipment. He had to be taught how to use a scanner.*)
- 5. Why are pets good COMPANIONS?**
In what way does Brog's companionship help Brock become a more complete human being? (*Brock develops a sense of commitment and responsibility. He must be resourceful to find a solution to the problem of saving Brog. He acts unselfishly when he implements his plan, which will force him to live in the outside world. He learns what it is to love another creature and be willing to sacrifice for it.*)
- 6. Compare and Contrast Setting** In what ways will life outside the dome be more challenging than life within the dome? (*Brock will have to find his own food and make his own shelter. He will have to contend with the elements of weather and terrain.*)

Challenging

- 7. Evaluate Character** Is Brock a deviant? Why or why not? (*Yes. According to rules in the dome, anyone who is not content with life inside the dome is a deviant. Brock is not content. He thinks there is more to life and sets out to find it.*)
- 8. Analyze Setting** Does the author portray the future positively or negatively? Support your answer with details from the text. (*The author portrays the future negatively. Dome life is seen as sterile and barren. Inhabitants eat pills instead of food. Their pets are robots, and most experiences have been reduced to virtual reality.*)