

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest: 225-258

Introduction: The men are pulled from the Combine and dropped into the ocean.

Find: One passage you would like to discuss in class.

Respond: Respond to the following questions in your notebook.

1. How has the chief grown in this chapter? What has changed in him?
2. According to Bromden, what changes has the Combine wrought in the last 20 years?
3. How does Ratched continue to try to manipulate the men into not going on the trip?
4. Who's method of persuasion is more powerful, Ratched or MacMurphy's? Why?
5. Discuss MacMurphy's form of therapy. How does it compare to Ratched's?
6. Who is more powerful: Candy or Ratched? Why do the patients respond more to one over the other? Explain.
7. In what ways can mental illness be an asset, rather than a liability? How might this be true with other "ailments?"
8. What are the drawbacks of relying too heavily on a leader, especially when he or she is no longer present?
9. What is the role of laughter? Why is it necessary?
10. How have the men changed from the trip? What brought about this change?
11. What kind of Christ imagery is in this chapter? What is its purpose?
12. Why is Mack tired?