**Rita Hayworth and The Shawshank Redemption**

*Answer the following questions.*

**Pages 15-25**

1. What was Red’s crime?

2. Why does he call rehabilitation a politician’s word? How does he feel about his crime?

3. What does Red do for people? From your reading so far, what kind of person is Red?

4. What did Andy ask Red to smuggle into the prison for him in 1949?

5. What kind of person was Andy when he arrived at the prison? Does he seem cut out for prison life? Why or why not?

6. Why was Andy called the *Even Steven* killer?

7. What were the four occasions during the year where Andy actually took a drink?

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8. What was Andy’s theory as for what really happened to his wife?

9. What is the purpose or the meaning of the story of Jake the pigeon?
10. What was the first thing Andy asked Red for? Why did he want it?

11. Why does Red take a liking to Andy early on?

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12. How did Andy deal with the “sisters”? Specifically, how did he deal with Bogs?

13. What gift did Red receive from Andy after he got him the Rita Hayworth poster? What most impressed Red about this gift?

14. According to Red, how was Andy able to dominate Byron Hadley? What does this incident tell you about Andy as a person?

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15. What does Red mean he says, “it was a kind of inner light he carried around with him”? In other words, how did Andy differ from the other prisoners or people in general?

16. How does Andy justify his involvement in the laundering of black market cash?

17. Who was Normaden and what did he say about Andy and his cell?
18. What was the new warden like? Why did Red describe him as “the foulest hypocrite I ever saw in a high position”?

19. What was the inside-out program?

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20. Who was Tommy Williams? How did he get to know Andy?

21. What story did Tommy tell Andy?

22. What really happened to Andy’s wife and her lover?

23. How did the Warden silence Tommy? By his own admission, why did the Warden do it, why did he ensure that Andy would never be able to track down this story?

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24. How had Andy prepared himself for the hurricane? What was the catch (the problem)?

25. Why, in Red’s opinion, do most cons not succeed in their attempts to escape? Would Red want to escape? Why or why not?
26. Why would parole have been the worst thing (*the most ghastly irony*) for Andy?

27. Why did Red think that Andy waited so long?

28. Throughout the story, what statement does Red make in regards to the effect incarceration has on an individual? (find two quotes)

29. What problems did Red have adjusting to the outside world? Why was his boss disgusted by him?

30. Why is the story subtitled *Hope Springs Eternal*? In other words, what is the overall message (theme) regarding “hope”? What is the overall message of the book? Explain