**Prologue, Chapters 1-4**

1. According to Judson Moon, what are the characteristics of a good handshake? What do you think the “fine art of hand shaking” reveals about a person?
2. What is the author’s purpose in using the word “zillion” in the 2nd paragraph in the Prologue?
3. Why does Lane Brainard believe that a kid should be the next president of the United States?
4. How would you respond to Lane’s claim, “people do not want a smart president.” (5)?
5. According to Lane, why would Judson be a “perfect” president?
6. What is the significance of the title of Chapter 1, “King of the Hill”?
7. Why hasn’t June Syers voted for a president since she voted for Franklin Roosevelt in 1944?
8. What does the idiom, “playing politics” (11) mean and why does it stop June from voting?
9. Explain the lines, “Politics changes a person…It rips your heart out and puts a stone in its place.” (12). Why does June believe this statement?
10. Provide specific examples of how the author reveals Judson Moon’s humor in chapter 4.
11. What does the word *oblivious* mean? What evidence from Chapter 4 supports Judson’s claim that his parents are “oblivious”?
12. What is ironic about the title of Chapter 4, “Family Values”?