

Broken Chain Page 255 - 265

Answer with evidence from your reading in complete, detailed sentences.

1. Page 255 Can you identify with the way Alfonso feels at the beginning of the story? What advice would you give him?
2. Page 256 When you draw conclusions, you figure out more than what the author actually says. You take information from the story and use it to form an opinion about the characters or events. What conclusion can you draw about Alfonso's getting braces from the information in the last two paragraphs?
3. Page 257 How do you feel about the way Ernie crushes the ants? How do these details help you understand Ernie's mood?
4. Page 258 What does this dialogue seem to suggest about the two girls that Ernie and Frostie meet on Halloween? Explain your answer.
5. Page 259 Why do you think Alfonso stops to help the kid who's caught on the barbed wire fence? What else might have Alfonso done in this situation? Do you think that most kids would do what Alfonso does? What do his actions reveal about this character?

6. Page 260 You've learned the plot of a story is a series of related events in which a problem is explored and then solved. What problem does Alfonso face as a result of asking Sandra to go bike riding with him? What does he have to do in order to keep his promise to Sandra?
7. Page 261 From this dialogue, what do you learn about the conflict or problem that exists between Alfonso and Ernie?
8. Page 263 What new problem does Alfonso have after unhooking his bike chain? How does Alfonso's reaction to his broken chain create yet another problem?
9. Page 264 How does Alfonso decide to handle his latest conflict? What do his thoughts and actions reveal about his character?
10. Page 265 Look at Key Reading Skill 11, do you agree that this is the main idea of the story? Why or why not?