**Guiding Questions**

1. How is Mack winning the battle with Ratched, even though he isn’t there?

Why does she bring McMurphy back on the ward?

2. What does Ratched know the operation does?

What does Mack pretend it’s for?

Is there any difference?

What does Ratched do to men’s sexuality?

3. How old is Billy Bibbit?

Is that a surprise to you?

What did his mother used to do for him?

How did his mother hold him back?

Have you parents held you back in a similar way?

4. Who comes during the night visit?

Why didn't McMurphy leave earlier?

5. Knowing that he is “damned if he does....” Why couldn’t Mack have left earlier?

6. Harding draws up a plan for Mack. What important change does this show in Harding?

7. Why are the men not rabbits now?

Why did they enter the hospital?

Why did Harding?

Why has Mack been getting more and more tired over the last hundred pages?

8. What is being “stuffed down her mouth”?

How does that show their power?

9. Where is Billy?

How is this a triumph for Mack?

How does Billy’s voice change?

Why does Ratched mention Billy's mother?

How does his voice change back?

10. Who is to blame for Billy's death?

How?

Could Mack also be to blame?

11. Why does Mack rip her shirt open before he chokes her?

What does this scene show about male sexuality?

What does this scene show about female sexuality?

This is a very controversial scene. Why might modern readers dislike this scene?

Explain.

12. Overall, who wins on the ward?

How do you know?