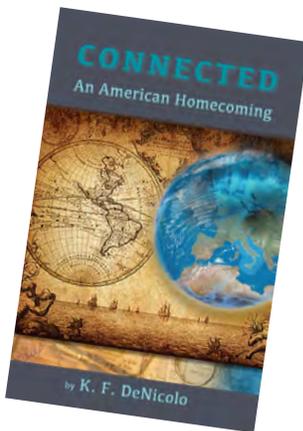


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# A Virtual Study Guide 5

*for Parent and  
Children*



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# Study Guide



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## Choices: "People You Meet"

### Prologue:

Seize the day! Today is a new start. Did you ever try to cheer yourself up? Did it work?

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Jo found Theresa at the bus stop. "What's up Theresa?"

"I'll meet you for lunch-no practice tonight so we can start our project on the Constitution."

Jo agreed. That work had been dragging and what was that "social justice"? How boring Jo thought.

Jack came by, "Hey it's Piggy and Squeaky." Some kids at the bus stop laughed. Jack had an audience, "oink, oink and squeak, squeak." Come on everyone, oink, oink and squeak, squeak. It's a game, do it do it." No one seemed to think there was anything wrong. Even some adults didn't notice. "Hey Jo, what's that you're wearing? Some garlic strung around your neck? That must be it guinea!" taunted Jack and his friends.

Before Jack could turn his unwanted attention on Theresa, a parent stepped in, "What's going on in school today? How's that civics class going? I haven't seen your mom lately Jack. How's everyone doing at home?" Too many questions for Jack and way too close to home.

Next stop? Get on the bus and go to school where everything is peaceful?

**Readers' Guides: Summary:**

There are wonderful people in the world. There are also people who are misguided. In this little story, you meet the challenges of dealing with both types. If someone is continually mean to you, it is called abuse. You need to find a way to get help for yourself.

**Readers' Guide: Exercises & Activities**

Pretend you're a parent at the bus stop, what would you say? Dramatize?

Predict what Jack's parents could say or do to help. Dramatize with reading buddies.

Make illustrated captions showing how each person in the story might help.