In Cold Blood

Book 1

How does Capote build suspense despite the fact that readers know the

ultimate outcome from the beginning of In Cold Blood?

In Cold Blood starts with details about the Clutter family's last day alive. Did

any of the details particularly stick out to you? Why did Capote make you

feel attached to the family by sharing these details?

Discuss the members of the Clutter family. What are they like? How does the

community view them? Identify Mrs. Clutter’s health problem. How does

her ailing health affect the other members of the Clutter family?

Outline the details of “the score” as it is conceived by Dick and Perry.

Compare-and-contrast Dick and Perry. What do we know of their backgrounds? What is motivating them to commit this crime.

Does Capote remain unbiased, as he intended, in this section?