

ANSWER KEY | The Cop and the Anthem

Pre-reading Activity 1: Complete the Sentence

- A. Three months in the prison on Blackwell's Island was what he wanted. (p. 36)
- B. When you see these signs, you know that winter is near. (p. 35)
- C. The cop helped a lady across the street. (p. 39)
- D. No cop was going to arrest him. (p. 39)
- E. And the anthem that came from the church held Soapy there, for he had known it well long ago. (p. 40)

Pre-reading Activity 2: The Changing of the Seasons in Your Country

Answers will vary.

While-reading Activity 1: Story Development

Set Up (page 35)

1. Where and when does this story take place?

The story takes place in New York City when winter is near.

2. Who is the main character of this story?

Soapy.

Problem (page 36)

Soapy needs a warm place to live for the winter.

3. How is Soapy planning to get to Blackwell's Island?

Soapy plans to be arrested by a cop. He will then be sent to prison on Blackwell's Island.

Resolution (page 40)

5. What does Soapy hear that makes him change his mind about being arrested?

He hears an anthem coming from a church.

6. What happens at the end of the story?

Soapy decides to change his life. But then a cop arrests Soapy. He is sent to Blackwell's Island.

Conflict (pages 37, 38, 39)

No matter what Soapy does, a cop does not arrest him.

4. What are **three** ways Soapy tries to be arrested by a cop (choose from the list)?

(1) He tries to eat at an expensive restaurant for free.

(2) He throws a stone through a store window.

(3) He eats dinner at a restaurant without paying.

(4) He speaks to a young woman who is alone.

(5) He dances and shouts in the streets.

(6) He steals a man's umbrella.

While-reading 2: Describing the Main Character

Soapy **before** hearing the anthem

1. Tries to steal a meal.
2. Takes a man's umbrella.
3. Breaks a window.
4. Wants to spend the winter at Blackwell's Island.

Soapy **after** hearing the anthem

1. Wants to get a job.
2. Wants to find his purpose in life.
3. Wants to be somebody in the world.
4. Is arrested by a cop.

Post-reading 1: Sequence of Events

Event from the Story	Order
Soapy decides that he wants to spend the winter in prison on Blackwell's Island.	1
Soapy takes a man's umbrella.	8
Soapy eats a big dinner without paying for his food.	5
Soapy decides to try to find a job.	10
Soapy decides the best way to go to prison is to have a cop arrest him.	2
A cop arrests Soapy for hanging around outside the church.	11
Soapy talks to a young woman who is alone.	6
Soapy hears an anthem coming from a church that reminds him of his good life long ago.	9
Soapy throws a stone through a big store window.	4
Soapy dances and shouts in the street. He pretends that he is drunk.	7
Soapy tries to eat at an expensive restaurant but is thrown out because of his clothes.	3

Post-reading 2: Right There

Part 1: Answering Questions

1. *Winter is coming and it will be cold. Soapy needs a warm place to live.*
2. Choose one of the bad things listed below.
3. Choose another of the bad things listed below.
 - *He tries to eat at an expensive restaurant.*
 - *He throws a stone through a big store window.*
 - *He eats dinner without paying.*
 - *He talks to a young woman who is alone.*
 - *He pretends to be drunk.*
 - *He steals a man's umbrella.*
1. *Soapy decides to change his life. But before he can do so, a cop arrests him just because he is hanging around outside the church.*

Part 2: Drawing Story Events

Answers will vary.