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Making Choices

CHAPTER 1

Young Man Axelbrod

SINCLAIR LEWIS

A PREPARING TO READ

3 Words to Know PAGE 5

Answers:

degree; scholar; literature; knowledge; assignments; grades

C UNDERSTANDING THE STORY

1 Reading Comprehension PAGE 11

Answers:

1. Knute didn't go to college when he was a young man because he became a farmer, got married, and had three children (lines 4–6).
2. He prepares for the entrance examinations by studying Latin, algebra, English, and history for 12 hours a day (lines 32–33).
3. He feels lonely because the other students make fun of him, and he misses his cat, his daughter, and his little house (lines 64–70).
4. He enjoys being with Gil Washburn because they can talk about great men and their ideas, and Knute thinks it is a miracle that Gil can write poetry (lines 126–130).
5. He decides to leave Yale and return home after his one night with Gil. He feels that if he leaves now, he won't spoil the relationship because he feels that eventually age and youth can't be a team for long (lines 137–140).