1.Identify the narrative voice in Cheever’s story and discuss how it contributes to your understanding of the story and its characters. For example, how does it help you understand the son and his father?

2.Comment on the following quotes from the story: “I would have to plan my campaigns within his limitations” / “I smelled my father the way my mother sniffs a rose” / “Our drinks came, and he cross-questioned me about the baseball season.”

3.Why does Charlie regard his father as his future and doom?

4.What is the function of the secretary in the story?

5.What does the Grand Central Station symbolize in the story?

6.What do the restaurants symbolize in the story?

7.What is your interpretation of the way Charlie’s father is represented in the story? Does he like his son?

8.Why does Charlie call his father “daddy” at the end of the story?

9.Examine the first and the last sentences of the story. What is common and why? How do you interpret the ending of the story? Does Charlie accept or reject his father?

10.Why does Charlie’s father want to get him a newspaper? Could this have any symbolic value in the story?

11.What is the significance of the title? Although the story depicts Charlie’s reunion with his father, the word “Reunion” is used without a definite or an indefinite article. Why?