* Describe how the following incidents relate to the underlying themes in the film: (1) Dave's

impersonation of an Italian when he met the attractive college girl; and (2) the fact that the

Italian bicycle racers cheated Dave in the race.

* Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Dave's parents as they are shown in the film.
* What was the significance of the fact that Dave's father sold used cars? In what way, if any,

was this a metaphor for a more important concept that the screenwriter wanted to portray?

* Name four acts of friendship that you observed in this film.
* When the college kids beat up Cyril after he helped Dave serenade Kathy, why couldn't

Cyril and Dave tell their friends what they had been doing or that they had taken the college

entrance examination? Does this tell us anything about the circumstances of their friendship?

* After the Italian team cheated in the bicycle race, was Dave right when he said, "Everybody

cheats"?

* What lessons could have been learned or how could have to story been changed if the boys would have all settled on something substantial for their future?