AFTER TWENTY YEARS | ANSWER KEY

Pre-reading Activity 1: Vocabulary Building
1. The few people walking along that street were **hurrying**, trying to keep warm.
2. I saw the face of the man **wanted** by Chicago cops.
3. He had a large **jewel** in his necktie.
4. The two men started along the street, **arm in arm**.
5. In **the West** you learn how to fight for what you get.
6. You’ve been **under arrest** for ten minutes.

Pre-reading Activity 2: Something in Your Life
Answers will vary.

While-reading Activity 1: Sunshine Outline

**Why does Jimmy write a note to Bob at the end of the story?**
Jimmy knows that Bob is **wanted** by Chicago cops but Jimmy does not want to **arrest** Bob himself.

**How does the story start?**
Bob comes back to **New York City** from the West to meet his good friend, Jimmy. He is waiting for Jimmy to arrive.

**Where did Bob and Jimmy agree to meet?**
They agreed to meet at **Big Joe Brady’s restaurant** where they said goodbye to each other.

**When did Bob and Jimmy agree to meet?**
They agreed to meet at **10 pm** exactly **twenty years** after the night they said good-bye.

**Who are the main characters?**
1. **Bob**
2. **Jimmy**
3. **A New York cop**

**What happened to Bob and Jimmy 20 years ago?**
Bob left for **the West** to become a great success. They agreed to meet again after a certain length of time.
### While-reading Activity 2: Character Description

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<th>The Man Waiting for His Friend (Bob)</th>
<th>The First Cop (Jimmy)</th>
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<td>1. A little white mark near his right eye</td>
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<td>2. Bright eyes</td>
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<td>3. Colorless square face</td>
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### Post-reading Activity 1: Survey

Answers will vary.

### Post-reading Activity 2: On My Own

**Part 1: Form the questions**

1. **Where** did you go to college?
2. **Who** were the most interesting people you have met?
3. **When or Why** did you get married?
4. **How** many cities have you lived in?
5. **Why or How** did you come home?
6. **What** were the most amazing things that happened to you?

**Part 2: Create the Conversation**

Answers will vary.