Pre-reading Activity 1: Crossword Puzzle

1. B

2. S A F E B
3. R E A K I N G

N E
K F
E R
R M

4. T O O L

5. W

6. S A F E

T D
I D
O I

7. P R I S O N

N G
Pre-reading Activity 2: Picture Predictions

1. Criminal 2. Bank Robber

1. shoe 2. Shoe store

1. cop 2. Policeman

1. bank 2. money
While-reading Activity 1: What's Next?

Answers to predictions may vary.

Summary #1: After reading the first two pages, pause and recap what has happened in the story. Which statement best summarizes what has happened so far?

- Jimmy goes home directly after he gets out of the prison.
- **X** Jimmy eats a good dinner and takes a train ride to a small town after he gets out of the prison.

Summary #2: Again pause and recap what happened in the story. Which statement best summarizes what has happened so far?

- Jimmy finds a new job working for banks and traveling from one place to another.
- **X** Jimmy breaks into safes in the banks and makes a lot of money.

Summary #3: After finish reading the story, mark the best summary.

- **X** Jimmy Valentine (Ralph Spencer) saves a life and stays out of prison.
- ____ Jimmy Valentine (Ralph Spencer) goes back to prison.

While-reading Activity 2: Map the Stolen Money
Post-reading Activity 1: Making a Story Structure Map

**Title:** A Retrieved Reformation

**Setting:**
1. Prison  
2. Mike Dolan’s restaurant  
3. Elmore  
4. Bank

**Characters:**
1. Mr. James Valentine  
2. Mike Dolan  
3. Annabel Adams  
4. Ralph D. Spencer  
5. Mr. Adams  
6. Ben Price  
7. Annabel’s sister  
8. May  
9. Agatha

**Problem:**
As James Valentine is trying to start a new life, Ben Price is trying to find and arrest him.

**Event 1:**
Jimmy Valentine is released from prison.

**Event 2:**
Jimmy gets his safe-opening tools from his friend.

**Event 3:**
Bank safes all over the country are opened and money is stolen.

**Event 4:**
Jimmy Valentine goes to Elmore and becomes Ralph D. Spencer.

**Event 5:**
Ralph opens a shoe store.

**Event 6:**
Ralph and Annabel are engaged to be married.

**Event 7:**
Annabel’s niece gets locked in the safe.

**Event 8:**
Ralph breaks the safe open with his tools.

**Solution:**
Ben Price does not arrest Jimmy (Ralph) because he saved the little girl.
Post-reading Activity 2: Choose a New Path for the Main Character

Jimmy Valentine (Ralph Spencer)

Jimmy Valentine goes home and finds his tools after he gets out of prison. Does he get back to his old job of safe-breaking?

No

Jimmy chooses to start a new job, opening a **shoe-shop** and changing his name to **Ralph Spencer**. Does he go back to prison again?

No

Jimmy meets a nice woman and stays in the shoe-shop **business**. They **get married** and live happily ever after.

Yes

Jimmy has to **break** a safe again to save a girl’s life. Then, he is sent back to **prison**.

No

Jimmy continues using those **tools** to break into safes and returns to a life of **safe-breaking**.

Yes

Jimmy goes back to his old job of **safe-breaking** and remains **Jimmy Valentine**. Does he go back to prison again?

No

Jimmy continues breaking into safes and taking **money** from the banks. Finally he gets caught and sent to **prison** again.

Yes

Jimmy Valentine goes home and finds his tools after he gets out of prison. Does he get back to his old job of safe-breaking?