“The Moviegoer” – Quick as-you-read answers.

1. Why doesn’t Binx want to live in the city?
2. How serious are Binx and Linda?
3. Why is Binx so unpleasant/boring/mediocre?
4. How did Binx’s brother’s death affect him?
5. Where is the story set?
6. Why does he prefer to ride the bus/streetcar?
7. Why does his “gracious” neighborhood cause rage?
8. Why does he prefer the empty theater?
9. Why did Binx and Linda separate?
10. Where are Binx’s parents?
11. Is he successful and stingy?
12. Where is the theater?
13. What was the topic of the serious talk?
14. Discuss the quote: “Have you noticed that only in tome of illness or disaster or death are people real?” (Kate)

“The Moviegoer” – Analytical after-you-read answers.

1. Describe Binx’s personality, using support.
2. How does the setting help the reader understand Binx (the things he prefers vs. the things he avoids)?
3. How is Binx existentialist (the individual in an indifferent/hostile universe)?