1. Who does the author sympathize with? What is the author’s tone, or attitude toward her subjects?
   - the parents
   - the son
   - both the parents and the son
   - an unbiased, neutral portrait of this family

2. Why do you think the author titled this story “Teenage Wasteland”?

3. How did you respond to this story? Are you irritated with Donny or do you understand him? Why do you think you responded the way you did? Has anything in your life made you respond this way?

4. Do you think teenagers really feel this way?

5. What life circumstances from this reading have you seen in your life (or someone close to you)?