



# I Am the Cheese

## A Study in Suspense

Contrary to what you might think from watching blockbuster movies, suspense is more than just the possibility of violence or death; suspense occurs as a result of both a story's structure and its point of view. Think about the book you have just read. Then answer the questions.

1. From what point of view is the story told? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who is the point of view character? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are there exceptions to the primary point of view? What are they? How are they structured, and what is the effect?

4. How does the difference between Adam's and the reader's points of view contribute to the tension in the story?

5. Is Adam a reliable narrator? Why or why not? Briefly describe a scene and its context within the novel as a whole to support your answer.