

# Study Guide for A Simple Plan

1. What three things, according to Hank's father, does a man need to be happy?
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
2. Describe Hank and Sarah's house.
3. How did Hank's father die?
4. What (unacknowledged) part did Hank play in his father's death?
5. How often does Hank visit his parents' grave?
6. What do Jacob and Lou do after the flowers have been placed?
7. What brings the three fellows up into the woods?
8. Which of the three didn't want to go up there? Why not?
9. Just before they find the money, Lou reveals a simmering grudge that he has against Hank. What started it all?
10. How much money do they find?
11. Where did the money come from (do they eventually find out)?
12. What conditions does Hank set before he will agree to the deal?
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
13. What is Sarah's first reaction when she hears about the money?
14. Why does Hank decide to return some of the money?
15. What irreversible decision does Hank make that changes everything?
16. What does Jacob want to do with his share of the money? Why will this screw up the plan? Why does Hank agree to go along with it?
17. What threat does Lou make against Hank? How does Hank (at Sarah's urging) respond?
18. What present does Jacob bring for the baby? Why is it a nicer present than Sarah thinks?
19. While out drinking, Lou apologizes for thinking that Hank had a \_\_\_\_\_, while admitting that at times he can be a bit of an \_\_\_\_\_.
20. How does Jacob trick Lou into making his confession?
21. Although Jacob has never in his life kissed a girl, he did have a brief relationship in high school. Describe the circumstances.
22. What makes Sarah doubt that Baxter is really an FBI agent?
23. What is lurking in the barbershop window?
24. Why does Hank eventually burn all the money?