1. Responding to the Story

a. Why don't any of the people who find Andy help him?

b. Why did Andy join a gang? With a partner, discuss Andy's reasons and whether or not they make sense to you.

c. Why does Andy take off his jacket?

d. What conclusions can you draw from the police officer's comment at the end of the story?

2. Writing Create a Newspaper Article

Write a short newspaper article reporting on the events surrounding Andy's death. Write quotes for the characters who came into contact with Andy. What do you think they will say about why they didn't help Andy?

Remember that newspaper articles are usually short, factual reports about people and events. Most articles are written in the inverted pyramid style. This means that each paragraph arranges information in order of significance. It also stands on its own and does not depend on the next paragraph to explain it. You could read newspaper articles to help you become familiar with styles. Here are a few suggestions to help you with your article:

- Begin with the most interesting and important details. This is called the lead, and it should answer the questions who, what, when, and where.
- Put other important facts next in the article, and answer the why and how questions.
- Bring the article to life for the reader by using the dialogue from the story to develop your quotations.
- Write a catchy, short headline that suits the article.

Self-Assessment: Read over your article and ask yourself these questions. Is the lead clear? Have I included the important facts? Will the reader understand my article?