**Points of Focus**

**in**

**“Broken Chain”**

Directions: Answer the following questions during or after your reading and be ready to discuss. Use the text as a reference, if needed.

1. On page 18, you are introduced to the main character. Who is the main character and what does he want?
2. What external conflict is introduced when Alfonso asks his mother for braces?
3. On page 19 Alfonso begins to brag to himself about his appearance. What do you think of Alfonso when he does this?
4. Predict: After reading the conversation between Alfonso and Sandra on page 21, what do you think will happen?
5. What does the phrase, “with dollar signs in his eyes” mean? What is this type of phrase called?
6. On page 22, Alfonso does sit-ups, pushes his teeth, fixes his hair, and cleans his bicycle. What scene does this mirror? How does this scene advance the plot?
7. How does the story end? Has Alfonso gotten everything he wanted?