**“Broken Chain” Group Discussion Questions**

**Literary Focus: Character**

Make a list of Alfonso’s actions and explain what his actions reveal about his character.

**Literary Focus: Subplot**

 What is a subplot in the story? Identify the characters involved and explain what the subplot is and how it affects the main plot of the story.

**Literary Focus: Motivation**

 Why did Ernie change his mind and lend his bike to Alfonso? Explain your answer.

 Find an example of motivation within the story and explain what the motivation is and what it causes the character to do.

**Literary Focus: Conflict**

 Name one internal conflict and one external conflict that Alfonso is faced with in the story. Explain each of the conflicts, why the conflicts arose and how Alfonso overcame them.

**Literary Focus: Plot**

 Identify one parallel episode in the story and explain how it advanced the plot.

 How does the exchange between Ernie and Alfonso complicate the plot?