**“The Ravine”**

**Study Guide**

**Critical vocabulary (32 % of test grade)**

Gnarly (Adj.) – Describes something that has many knots or bumps on the surface. An uneven surface.

Rivulet (Noun) – A small river or stream.

Cascade (Verb) – To fall, pour, or rush in stages.

Precipice (Noun) – An overhanging or extremely steep area of rock



**Comprehension – Key questions**

* What details tell why the setting of the story is important?
* How does Vinny feel about his experiences in the story?
* Why is the stone goddess important?
* Why does Vinny get annoyed by Joe-Boy?
* Why does Vinny climb to the highest ledge?
* How does Vinny develop from the beginning to the end of the story?
* What effect do Vinny’s parents have on him in the story?
* How does Vinny feel by the end of the story?
* Why does he finally begin to notice the beauty of the setting?