**Questions for “August Heat”**

**Answer in full sentences. Don’t forget your name, date and a title.**

**Comprehension**

1. What is James Clarence Withencroft’s job?
2. Why does he decide to enter Chas Atkinson’s shop?
3. Why can’t Atkinson use the marble he is working on?
4. What reason does Atkinson provide for why he can’t be thrown in prison?
5. Why is Atkinson sharpening his chisel?

**Inference**

1. Why do you think the author chose to write that Withencroft had “only the vaguest recollections” (56) of his route to Atkinson’s workshop?
2. What is the *effect* (the impact on the reader) of the last line on page 57?
3. Do you think Withencroft truly admires the Dore Bible (58)?
4. Explain why Withencroft is surprised on page 59 to be staying at Atkinson’s home.
5. Why did the author choose to include the broken table on page 59?

**Paragraph Response**

1. How does the author create suspense? Are these techniques effective? Why or why not?