

In many ways *The Poor Sucker* is a modern day *Romeo and Juliet*. In *Romeo and Juliet* both young lovers are so blinded by their love for each other that they overlook the serious problems their coupling causes. In very much the same way, Eddie and April (especially Eddie) are as blinded by their love that the consequences of their union are overlooked to the detriment of their future together.

1. What characteristics does Eddie share with Romeo? How is he different?
2. What intra-family feuds have the potential to cause trouble in Eddie and April's relationship?
3. How does Eddie define love? What needs of his is his love based on?
4. How would April define love? What needs of hers is her love based on?
5. How much does one's family have to do with the type of mate one seeks?
6. At the end of the novel, Eddie has gotten what he wanted and is extremely happy with how things have turned out. Should he be happy? What future awaits him that he is unable to see?