**Literal vs. Figurative Meanings**

Chapters 1-3

This novel includes many idioms—expressions that have meanings different from what their words suggest. Idioms have two different types of meanings:

* **Literal** meanings are “word for word” definitions.
* **Figurative** meanings are symbolic expressions.

Directions: Fill out the chart below. The first one has been done for you.

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| **Page #/Phrase** | **Literal Meaning** | **Figurative Meaning** |
| pg. 2: “never cracks a book” | *He never opens the book with his hands to see the pages inside.* | *He never reads.* |
| pg. 3: “beer blasts for kicks” |  |  |
| pg. 8: “knock our heads together” |  |  |
| pg. 13: “you’ve always got your nose in a book” |  |  |
| pg. 38: “rat race is a perfect name for it” |  |  |
| pg. 40: “when you’re thirteen in our neighborhood, you know the score” |  |  |
| pg. 42: “he thinks I’m a pain in the neck” |  |  |
| pg. 43: “the chips are always down when it’s our turn” |  |  |