

CHAPTER REVIEW QUESTIONS

Chapters 1 – 5:

1. Name one of Linda Wails superstitions.
2. How did Robert Wails end up in the hospital?
3. What was Corey's dog's name?
4. How did Corey's homeroom teacher react to him being late?
5. What nickname did Corey and his friends call Robert Wails?
6. What position does Corey play on the baseball team?
7. How did Corey's father feel about the pro scout talking to Corey about recruiting him? Who did the scout represent?

DISCUSSION:

Which character thus far do you feel is the best role model for Corey? Linda Wails, Robert Wails, Coach Cavanaugh, Emily Vallent? Why?

Chapters 6 – 12:

1. What happened between Corey and his mother when he got home from the baseball game?
2. How did Corey's grandfather die?
3. What did Corey have to do before he could go camping?
4. How did Linda Wails wake her son when Corey fell back asleep after his alarm had already gone off?
5. Where does Corey go to avoid home?

DISCUSSION:

At one point Corey's girlfriend Emily says to him, "Have you ever thought that it's not just her, maybe it's you too." Do you agree with Emily that he is partially responsible for how bad his relationship is with his mother, or that his mother should take full responsibility? Explain.

Chapters 13 -16:

1. Why did Corey's mom ask him to go for a walk?
2. What was Corey's punishment if he is late one more time to school?
3. What did Robert Wails talk to Corey about after baseball practice?
4. What was Corey dreaming about when he woke up from his nightmare?
5. Why was Corey late to school when Mr. Torant kicked him off the baseball team?

DISCUSSION:

What does Corey mean by "regret is a hard pill to swallow"? Have you ever felt similar emotions and how did you handle it?



Chapters 17 – 22:

1. What was Cavanaugh's advice for Corey regarding getting kicked off the team?
2. What did Emily do when she found out Corey's mom had cancer and he did not tell her?
3. What excuse did Corey give his mother when he came home early on the day of his game? Why was he really there?
4. Where did Corey watch the play-off game with Moores Creek?
5. Did the Hillcrest Bulldogs win against Moores Creek without Corey to pitch for them?
6. Who came to visit Corey when he was alone on the ball field, and what did they want?
7. Who does Corey talk to about the game with when he gets to school a half hour early?

DISCUSSION:

Why do you think Corey didn't tell anyone he was kicked off the team? Do you agree or disagree with his actions. Explain.

What lesson is to be found when Corey says, "Why does her life have to be the price to pay for this long overdue talk?"

Chapters 23 – 27:

1. Why does Mr. Torant allow Corey back on the baseball team? What is Corey's new punishment?
2. How did Coach Cavanaugh react to Mr. Torant lifting Corey's punishment?
3. What did Robert Wails do to keep busy the day Linda had her radiation treatment?
4. In Linda's dream, frogs live forever, and _____ live for a day.
5. What meal does Corey request when Emily's mother offers to cook something for his family and bring it over?

DISCUSSION:

Who is the Time Keeper, and what is the symbolism?

Chapters 28 – 32:

1. In the baseball games, what did Corey and his catcher do to throw off the other team?
2. What did the Greensboro catcher say to taunt Corey enough to make him call a timeout?
3. What did Corey do in the 9th inning to cause such rage in the opposing team?



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4. What does Corey's dad wait up for him to discuss when he gets home from the game?
5. What did Corey do in the story he was telling Linda about he and his grandfather digging up groundhog dens?
6. When Linda got to the point where she could no longer walk or do anything for herself what did Corey do?
7. What made Corey laugh when he came into the bathroom to get Linda out of the tub?

DISCUSSION:

Describe the symbolism of the butterfly in Linda's dream with her brother.

Chapter 33 – 36:

1. What did Corey run back inside to get to show his mother when they were sitting in the backyard?
2. Did Corey pitch against Rockingham?
3. Where did Corey and Royal go to think and watch the sunrise?
4. What was Linda's nightmare about?

DISCUSSION:

How is it that Corey is now dreaming his mother's dreams? What does that mean to you?

Chapter 37 – 42:

1. The butterfly keeps appearing in this story. What does it symbolize?
2. Did Corey play baseball the day his mother died?
3. Who did Hillcrest play in the championship game?
4. What play won the championship for the Hillcrest Bulldogs?
5. Where was Corey going to play ball after high school?
6. What did Corey do at his mother's funeral?

DISCUSSION:

After his mother's death Corey and Emily have a meaningful conversation. How has Corey grown as a character?

