

CHAPTER 1 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 1 QUESTIONS

1. Picture Winston in your head. What two words (adjectives) would you use to describe him?
For each adjective, tell the event in the story that made you describe him this way.
2. List the reasons you think Winston has for running away.

CHAPTER 1 DISCUSSION

In what ways is Winston similar to or different from you?

CHAPTER 2 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 2 QUESTIONS

1. What do you notice about the way Winston's mom and dad speak to each other?
2. Winston's mother asks his father to take him for a few days. What is Winston's father's reaction to this?

CHAPTER 2 DISCUSSION

Think of a situation where you felt you weren't wanted. Describe how it made you feel.

CHAPTER 3 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 3 QUESTIONS

1. Winston is annoyed and doesn't want to speak with his father. His father says, "Then it's probably wise to stay quiet." Why would this be good advice for Winston to follow?
2. How would you describe Winston's father? Why would you describe him this way?

CHAPTER 3 DISCUSSION

What advice would you give to Winston about how to deal with his father?

CHAPTER 4 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 4 QUESTIONS

1. Winston's father tells him that "the only people who don't make mistakes are those who are too timid to try new things. Stay bold, take chances . . . Little people make little mistakes. Big people make big mistakes." Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer.
2. What does Winston consider doing when his father leaves to go for a drink? How does Winston think his father would react if he did it? Why would Winston want his father to feel this way?

CHAPTER 4 DISCUSSION

Describe a time when you were upset about something and wanted to make someone else feel bad too. Why do you think you wanted to do that even though you knew it wasn't a very nice thing to do?

CHAPTER 5 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 5 QUESTIONS

1. When Winston's father tells him about the story he is going to cover, Winston is surprised at what Terry Fox is attempting to do. Explain why he is surprised.

CHAPTER 5 DISCUSSION

Winston's father plays Frank Sinatra's music in the car. Winston hates it. Give an example of something that you like that your parents don't.

CHAPTER 6 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 6 QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between a victim and a survivor? Look both words up the dictionary and write their definitions in your own words. Why is Terry annoyed when Winston's father calls him a victim?
2. When Winston's father asks Terry why he is running across Canada, Terry says, "By running like this I let people know that cancer can be beaten . . . that life can go on . . . that you define people by their ability and not their disability." Look up the word *disability* in the dictionary. Define *disability* in your own words. In your opinion, why does Terry want people to recognize his abilities and not his disability?

CHAPTER 6 DISCUSSION

Running across Canada is not an easy thing to do. Terry explains that he didn't wake up from his surgery with the ability to run a marathon every day. He first had to learn how to walk with crutches, then a cane, then with an artificial leg. When he started running, it was only one lap at a time on a track, and even that was hard. Before starting the Marathon of Hope, he trained every day for fourteen months. Compare Terry's struggle with a time when you tried to do something that was hard. Did you refuse to give up like Terry?

CHAPTER 7 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 7 QUESTIONS

1. Winston asks his father if he has changed his mind about whether he thinks Terry will be able to run across Canada. His father believes that there is a chance Terry will succeed. He says, "There's something in that kid's eyes." Describe what you think Winston's father sees in Terry's eyes.
2. Winston's father speaks honestly to Winston about what kind of a father he thinks he's been. What clues does this give you about why Winston has been running?

CHAPTER 7 DISCUSSION

Winston's father is writing another article about Terry. Imagine you are a reporter. Write a paragraph describing what you've seen and learned about Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope.

CHAPTER 8 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 8 QUESTIONS

1. In Winston's father's article, he writes, "If you look at him—and you have to look very closely—you can see a slight twinge on his face when that artificial leg hits the ground. I know it must hurt. I also know he doesn't want people to see that in his face." In your opinion, why doesn't Terry want people to see that he is in pain?

CHAPTER 8 DISCUSSION

Winston's father writes, "He's a hero. Terry would tell you different. He'd tell you he's no hero. I'm telling you he is." Do you think that Terry is a hero? What makes you believe that he is or is not?

CHAPTER 9 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 9 QUESTIONS

1. In his article, Winston's father writes that Terry is a hero, but he is not really sure that he is. Doug explains to Winston's father that at the end of every day Terry marks the spot where he stops with a plastic bag held down with a rock. One time the bag could not be found and Terry ran an extra three miles. Explain in your own way what this says about Terry's character. Do you believe this will change Winston's father's opinion of Terry?
2. Winston's father is skeptical about what Terry is doing in the Marathon of Hope. Look up the word *skeptical* in the dictionary. What does *skeptical* mean? Write the definition in your own words. List the reasons Winston's father gives for being skeptical of Terry.

CHAPTER 9 DISCUSSION

Winston's father has a hard time believing that Terry is completely honest about what he is doing. Describe a time when someone questioned your honesty or your intentions about something you were doing.

CHAPTER 10 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 10 QUESTIONS

1. When Terry shows Winston his artificial leg, he explains that many years ago an amputee could not have done what he is doing because artificial legs were heavy and awkward. Terry says, "I think that people didn't even consider that somebody could lose a leg and still want to be athletic, want to play sports and compete." This is a preconception that is common about people who have disabilities. Look up the word *preconception* in the dictionary. What does it mean? Write the definition in your own words. Explain how Terry was changing this preconception.
2. In grade eight Terry made the basketball team. Why was this a really hard thing for him to do? Look up the word *determined* in the dictionary. What does it mean? Write the definition in your own words. How does making the basketball team show you that Terry is a very determined person?

CHAPTER 10 DISCUSSION

Describe an important goal of yours that you can see yourself accomplishing even though you are still working toward it.

CHAPTER 11 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 11 QUESTIONS

1. Doug does a lot more than drive the van for his friend Terry. List a few of the things that he does to help Terry with the Marathon of Hope.

CHAPTER 11 DISCUSSION

Describe a time when a friend of yours did something extra special for you.

CHAPTER 12 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 12 QUESTIONS

1. When Winston misses the net while playing basketball with Terry, he blames the ball and the net. In response to his excuses, Terry says, "A poor workman blames his tools." Explain what you think Terry means by this.

CHAPTER 12 DISCUSSION

While playing basketball, Winston accidentally knocks Terry over. After this, Winston backs off a bit and allows Terry to score a basket because he is afraid he will do it again. Terry wants to be treated equally. He says, "You should play to win. I'm playing to win." Describe a time when you were not treated equally. How did it make you feel?

CHAPTER 13 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 13 QUESTIONS

1. Winston's father believes that Terry's story is becoming less interesting and that it won't become really big until he stops running. Winston defends Terry by expressing his faith in him. "They should want to read about it. What he's doing is important! He's going to do it," he tells his father. How do these statements show that Winston is changing?

CHAPTER 13 DISCUSSION

Describe a time when you stood up for a friend and defended him or her against things that others were saying about that friend.

CHAPTER 14 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 14 QUESTIONS

1. Terry and Doug are fighting and this worries Winston. What does Terry tell Winston about his friendship with Doug to try to make him feel better?
2. Winston's father asks Winston to keep his eyes open for any "interesting" information about Terry and Doug that he can make into a story. Doug asks Winston to keep a secret about Terry's leg bleeding and how it hurts when he runs. Winston promises not to tell. Predict whether or not Winston will keep his promise. Defend your prediction.

CHAPTER 14 DISCUSSION

Describe a time when you were asked by a friend to promise to keep a secret. Did you keep your promise? Did you find it difficult to keep?

CHAPTER 15 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 15 QUESTIONS

1. Winston shares some personal feelings with Terry. Winston says “knew that he really wanted to hear what I had to say.” What does this show about the relationship between Terry and Winston?
2. Terry explains that he is not running away from anything. He says, “I’m running to something. I’m running to my home in Port Coquitlam [British Columbia], running to help all those people, all those kids, who can’t run. I’m running to raise money to find a cure for cancer.” Compare Terry’s running with Winston’s running. Why is running the right thing for Terry to do and the wrong thing for Winston to do?

CHAPTER 15 DISCUSSION

Terry says to Winston, “Besides, we both know that you can’t run away from your problems.” Describe a time when you ran away from a problem. Explain why you decided to run away instead of face it.

CHAPTER 16 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 16 QUESTIONS

1. Winston’s father writes an article about Terry and Doug fighting. Winston questions his father’s integrity. Look up the word *integrity* in the dictionary. What does it mean? Write the definition in your own words. What does Winston mean when he says, “Whether it’s true or not doesn’t change the fact that it is wrong. You just shouldn’t be writing about it.”
2. Winston is not the only one who is changing. When Winston runs away, his father sends him a message through Terry—there is going to be a hole in tomorrow’s paper. What does this message mean and how does this show that Winston’s father is changing?

CHAPTER 16 DISCUSSION

Describe a time when you had a fight with a good friend. Explain how you worked out the problem and became friends again.

CHAPTER 17 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 17 QUESTIONS

1. Both Winston and his father are working toward becoming better people. What are they doing to achieve this goal?

CHAPTER 17 DISCUSSION

Everyone can do something to make themselves better. What could you change about yourself to help make you a better person?

CHAPTER 18 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 18 QUESTIONS

1. When Winston meets Terry in Toronto, he asks him to run twelve miles with him. Winston is unsure that he can do it. Doug says to him, "Don't think of it as twelve miles. Just take it one step at a time . . . one corner at a time . . . one mile at a time. That's the way Terry does it." Explain how this is a good way to achieve any difficult goal.
2. In your view, explain what Winston means when he says he was happy to be a part of something bigger than anything that he could imagine, "Even bigger than the width of this whole country."

CHAPTER 18 DISCUSSION

Set a goal for yourself that you would like to accomplish this school year. List the steps that you will take to accomplish it.

CHAPTER 19 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 19 QUESTIONS

1. After running 5373km in 143 days (13,432 laps around a track!), Terry is forced to quit running. Why does he have to stop?
2. Terry calls himself a dreamer. Do you believe that his dream came true? Explain.

CHAPTER 19 DISCUSSION

What lesson(s) did you learn from Terry and his dream?

CHAPTER 20 VOCABULARY

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CHAPTER 20 QUESTIONS

1. Terry says to Winston, "I need you to know that I had to stop running right now, but I haven't quit. And I need you not to quit either." What does Terry not want Winston to quit doing?
2. Create a Venn diagram comparing Terry and Winston at the end of the story. How are they alike and how are they different?
3. Why do you think that the author wrote a book for kids about Terry Fox?

CHAPTER 20 DISCUSSION

In what ways are you similar to Terry Fox? In what ways would you like to be more like him?