



TRAVEL TEAM



Assignment 2: Read Chapters 5-9

Day/Date of next meeting _____

☞ Complete all the tasks in Assignment 2 before your next meeting

VOCABULARY:

As you read the assignments, use your bookmark to record new or unusual words. Choose two interesting words from your bookmark. Write one in the left hand column of each box below along with the page number. Then, copy the sentence or phrase where each was found. Finally, define it.

[Stuck? Did you consider these? motto (44), rebounder (47), refrain (50), bionic (51), sarcasm (52)]

_____ (page ____)	Sentence or phrase from the text: _____ _____ Meaning: _____ _____
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CONNECTING to the TEXT:

Making connections to your reading makes ANY story more meaningful as you read. Think of something in the book so far that you can relate to in some way. Perhaps it is something that has happened to you or something that you've wondered about. Use the lines below to write about a connection that you have made.

Demonstrate Your Understanding

Be sure to respond in complete sentences!!

1. In **Chapter 5**, we read a lot about Ty Ross. Who is he? What is he like? Tell what you've learned about him.



2. Who is Kelvin Norris and why did he telephone Danny? (**Chapter 5**)

3. **Chapter 6** begins like this: "Danny Walker didn't pick up a basketball for a week..." Explain the reason for his behavior.

4. Summarize what happened in **Chapter 7** that helped Danny end his week of not playing basketball.

ASSIGNMENT 2, CONTINUED

Read chapters 5-9

5. The last few pages of **Chapter 7** are mostly a conversation between what two people?

How you think each of the speakers was feeling at the beginning of the conversation?

Explain how you think each of the speakers felt at the end of their conversation.

6. What was the big news that Danny and his mom learned in **Chapter 8**? _____

7. What do you think Danny's dad meant when he said, "All we are right now is the Middletown Cocktail Napkins..." in **Chapter 9**?

8. What do you think of Danny's father's plan? Explain.

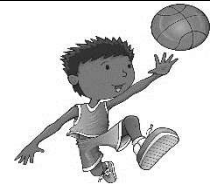


Similes

→ A **simile** is a writing craft that an author uses to compare one thing to another thing using either the word *like* or *as*. Mike Lupica uses many similes throughout this book. Below are some similes found in this assignment. After each one, write what the simile means to you.

SIMILE	MY INTERPRETATION
"...the Bob Marley T-shirt was as wet as if he'd just gone swimming in it..." (p40)	<u>Example:</u> he'd sweated so much his t-shirt was drenched.
"Could...see the whole court as if he had two sets of eyes going for him." (p40)	
"...his legs were so skinny they looked like stick-figure legs somebody had drawn on him." (p41)	
"You still look like money..." (p66)	
"...his mom was about as interested in dating as she was in video games." (p71)	

Idioms



→ An **idiom** is an expression familiar to many people and one which they understand. It is an expression that says one thing but really conveys something different than what the words literally mean. For example, most people know that the expression, "don't let the cat out of the bag", means "*don't give away the secret*"; it doesn't really mean anything about a cat in a bag!

→ Read the idioms in **bold** below and write what you think each one means.

Idiom	Meaning
"The tall girl, looking like a million bucks. " (p 61)	
"There weren't a lot of males in Middletown she would give the time of day to. " (p71)	
"You still clean up pretty well yourself." (p72)	