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Tangerine Study Guide Questions

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Part 1 August 18-August 23 pp. 1-32

1) Why were Paul and his mother leaving Houston?

2) How does the author describe Mom's character at the beginning of the story?

3) What incident does Paul remember as he and his mom are about to leave the house?

4) What is your feeling of Erik now that Paul tells us the story about the baseball bat?

5) What does Paul mean when he says, "I can see everything. I can see things that Mom and Dad can't. Or won't."?

6) How does Paul react when he first sees Florida?

7) How does Paul feel about Dad's enthusiasm for Erik's football practices?

8) Why is Erik's football career so important to Dad?

9) Why do Paul and his mom think their house is burning?

10) Why was Paul impressed with Mike Costello?

11) Why is Paul's mother so concerned about P.E. classes?

12) Why was Paul so confident that he would get onto the soccer team?

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August 28-September 8 pp. 32-64

1) Why did Erik's friends call Paul "Eclipse Boy"?

2) What does Paul notice in old family photographs?

3) Why do you think Erik has never expressed an interest in driving?

4) Why does Paul think that Arthur will beat out Mike for the job of place-kicker?

5) What does Paul realize about Arthur?

6) Why does Paul say the lightning will strike the Donnelly house again?

7) Is Paul good at soccer? What position does he play?

8) What does Erik tell Mom about Mike Costello?

9) Why does Joey try to take off Mike's shoes?

10) Erik and Arthur are laughing about what happened to Mike? How does this make Paul feel? What does this say about Erik and Arthur?

11) What did the school do in response to Mike?

12) What is the outcome of the meeting?

13) What did Coach tell Paul at practice?

14) What does Paul think is in the bird's mouth?

September 8-September 15, pp.64-92

1) Why is it important for Paul to be around Joey?

2) What does Joey want to ask Paul?

3) Why do you think Paul obsesses about what he could have said to Kerri?

4) What does Joey tell Paul about Tangerine Middle?

5) Why does Mom get so upset about the kids in the truck?

6) Why is Paul called to the office? What does Paul do?

7) Why do you think Paul is so concerned about ratting on the guys from Tangerine Middle?

8) What is happening to all of the portables?

9) How does the sinkhole affect Paul's life?

10) Why does Paul want to go to Tangerine Middle?

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Part 2

September 18-September 22, pp.95-123

1) Discuss the differences between Tangerine Middle and Lake Windsor?

2) Why is Paul willing to play second string?

3) What happened to Paul's IEP?

4) Why do you think Paul decides to try to make a joke with Victor?

5) What do Arthur and Erik do while Joey is at the Fisher's house?

6) Why was Joey trying to get Mike's shoes off?

7) What does Paul try to get Joey to do?

8) What happens to Paul's eyes while he is playing? How does the team respond?

9) Why does Paul want Theresa to show Joey around on Monday?

10) What are the differences between the students of Lake Windsor and the students of Tangerine Middle?

September 23-October 4, pp.123-155

1) Do you think Erik is as excited about the way the game turned out as Dad is?

2) Why doesn't Arthur congratulate Antoine for his two-point conversion?

3) Why does Paul think that someone is going to pay for his humiliation?

4) How does Joey handle the situation of Victor giving him a hard time?

5) Why does Joey think that Tino is bad news?

6) Why doesn't Paul feel the same way about Tino?

7) What is happening at Paul's house while he is trying to work at the computer?

8) What does Paul contribute to the meeting?

9) What did Paul see on his father's computer?

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October 5-November 10, pp.156-194

1) Why does Paul think that Joey isn't at school?

2) What kinds of things does Paul say he can see with his new glasses that his parents can't see?

3) How is soccer affecting Paul's life right now?

4) Why does Paul go back to the tangerine orchard?

5) Discuss Paul's flashback to his old garage? Why is this important?

6) What does Coach Walski try to do to Paul?

7) What does Coach Bright inform him about Shandra?

8) Why is Paul crying when he gets off the bus?

Part 3

November 20-November 24, pp.197-230

1) How does Erik treat Paul's group when they visit the house?

2) How does Paul describe Erik's hand?

3) What does Paul see in Erik's eyes after Erik hits Tino?

4) Do you think Dad watched the whole episode?

5) Why is Paul not able to rat on Erik?

6) Why do you think Erik asks for a key to the storage shed?

7) Why does Paul decide that Erik's hitting Tino is not something that Mom needs to know about?

8) Why does Paul decide to help Luis and his family?

9) What do Paul and Luis talk about?

10) Why do you think Brian Baylor was unable to snap the ball during the big game?

11) Why isn't Shandra's picture in the paper?

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November 27-December 2, pp.230-262

1) How does Paul know something goes wrong on Monday?

2) Who figures out what is happening to the fish? Why is this important?

3) What goes through Paul's head when he hears that Luis' aneurysm was caused by a blow to the head?

4) Why didn't anything happen to Erik and Arthur on Monday?

5) Why does Paul think he is just as guilty as Erik?

6) Who does Paul see when he looks toward the entrance of the ceremony?

7) What do you think Tino and Victor are planning to do?

8) Why, for the first time, is Paul no longer afraid of Erik and Arthur?

9) Explain what really happened to Paul's eyes?

10) Do you think Mom was aware of what happened to Paul's eyes?

11) How did Mom and Dad handle the spray paint situation?

12) Why is Antoine at Mr. Donnelly's house with Coach Bright?

December 3-December 6, pp.262-294

1) What was in the paper?

2) What causes Antoine to do what he did?

3) Since all of the games Antoine was involved in have been nullified, what will happen to the Erik Fisher Football Dream?

4) What does Paul tell his father about eyesight?

5) How is the meeting handled about the stolen items?

6) Why are the cops looking for Arthur?

7) Why does Paul choose to tell the police all the information?

8) Why does Theresa think Paul has messed up his whole life by coming to her school?

9) What happens to Paul, Tino and Victor?

10) How does Mom and Dad's behavior toward Paul change?

11) What does Paul think about Mike's tree?

12) What scent does Paul smell as he is going to school?
