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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Tears of a Tiger

Author:

Sharon Draper

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

What do Tyrone’s comments help you understand about friendship, fear, and guilt?

Example answer: I think Tyrone’s comments show that friends can be scared even when they try to act tough. He cares about Andy and Rob, but he does not always know the right words to say. His guilt seems heavy because he was part of that night, even though he did not mean for anyone to get hurt. This helps me see that guilt can stay with people after a bad choice.

Chapter 40

After finishing the book, what message do you think Sharon Draper wants young readers to remember?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

Which character do you think changes the most by the end of the book, and what events cause that change?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

If you were Andy’s friend, what would you say or do to help him in this chapter?

Example answer: If I were Andy’s friend, I would tell him that he does not have to handle everything alone. I would sit with him and listen instead of making jokes or changing the subject. I would also tell a trusted adult, like a counselor or teacher, because Andy needs more help than a friend can give by himself. I think helping someone means taking their pain seriously.

What theme about asking for help can readers learn from this story?

Example answer: I think the story teaches that asking for help is brave, not weak. Andy keeps a lot of pain inside, and it becomes too much for him. Readers can learn that talking to a trusted adult, counselor, friend, or family member can be very important. The book reminds me that serious sadness should not be ignored.

Chapter 1

What important facts do you learn from the news report about the car crash, and what questions do you still have?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

What theme about asking for help can readers learn from this story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

How do the letters, poems, or memories from classmates show different kinds of grief?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How do the boys' words and actions before the accident show that they feel grown-up, excited, or careless?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Why is Rob’s death especially hard for Andy to understand and accept?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What feelings do the characters show after Andy’s death, and how do they show them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

How does Andy’s death affect the people around him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How do students and adults at school show their grief in different ways?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does Andy say about the crash, and what do his words reveal about how he sees himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

Why is it important to take talk about self-harm seriously, even if someone says it in a quiet or joking way?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What choices do Andy’s friends make when they sense danger, and what else could they do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

How does B.J.’s choice not to drink affect the way he thinks about the accident afterward?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do Tyrone’s comments help you understand about friendship, fear, and guilt?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How do phone calls, messages, or missed connections in this part create worry or suspense?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What do you think Andy means when he says he is tired or cannot go on, and how should listeners respond?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

At Rob’s funeral or memorial, what details show that Rob mattered to many people?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does Keisha try to help Andy, and what does this show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Why is Keisha’s decision to set limits important, even though she cares about Andy?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How does Sharon Draper’s format, such as letters, articles, and dialogue, change the way you understand the characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Why might talking to Dr. Carrothers be hard for Andy at first?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What does Andy’s writing or letter reveal that he may not be able to say out loud?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What image or symbol stands out in this chapter, and what do you think it means?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

How do Rob’s parents and friends keep Rob’s memory alive?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

How do Andy’s parents react to him, and what does Andy seem to need from them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What words or phrases in this chapter show that Andy feels responsible for what happened?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What does Andy seem to wish adults understood about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does Andy’s talk with a coach, teacher, or adult show the pressure he feels?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

What do you predict Andy will need in order to begin healing? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How can joking with friends help the characters, and how can it also keep them from talking about serious feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

If you were Andy’s friend, what would you say or do to help him in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

What signs show that Andy’s sadness is getting more serious?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Compare the ways Andy, B.J., and Tyrone are coping with Rob’s death. How are they alike and different?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does Hazelwood High influence what the characters do, say, or hide?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How do teachers, counselors, or other adults notice Andy's pain, and how might they miss it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Why is Andy’s basketball talent no longer enough to make him feel happy or proud?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In this chapter, what does the word “guilt” mean, and how is it different from being legally at fault?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How does Keisha change as she deals with Andy's sadness and her own feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What lesson about drinking and driving is becoming clear in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
