Tears of a Tiger Anticipation Guide

I. Directions: Write whether you agree (A) or disagree (D) with the statements.

_____1. Drinking and driving causes more deaths for teens on the road than any other cause.

_____2. Peer pressure is easy to resist.

_____3. Teenagers try too much to be “cool.”

_____4. Teenagers are influenced by the media.

_____5. Teenagers speak two ‘languages’—one for themselves and one for adults.

_____6. If someone is drinking and driving and gets into an accident where one of the passengers dies, he/she should go to jail for homicide.

_____7. When someone is caught for drinking and driving, most people accept that person and support his/her mistake.

_____8. Teenagers who drink and drive and get caught, should be specially treated if they have a decent driving record and/or good grades.

II. Directions: Now choose one of the statements. Write why you feel that way using a specific example to support your side.

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Tears of a Tiger Character Sheet

Andy-  Rob-

B.J.-  Tyrone-

Gerald-  Keisha-

Rhonda-  Coach Ripley-

Dr. Carrothers-  Monty-

Mrs. Jackson-  Mr. Jackson-
Tears of a Tiger Literary Terms

Give the definition, an example from the text (include pg #), and its influence on the text (why is it important to the story).

Setting - 

Climax - 

Theme - 

Resolution - 

Situational Irony - 

Point of view - 

Author’s Purpose - 

Foreshadowing -
Flashback -

Mood -

Tone –

Dialect -
Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. They should go in the order of the book.

1. What two boys were named after two dead presidents?

2. How does Andy’s mom look different from the other mothers at the game?

3. What is the school’s mascot?

4. Which boy was sober in the car when it crashed?

5. Which student struggles with physical abuse?

6. From where did Dr. Carrothers receive his Ph.D?

7. If Gerald could change the world, what three things would he omit?

8. After the car crash, whom does Tyrone start dating?

9. Where was Andy planning to go after he dropped the boys off at their house?

10. What type of relationship do Andy and his father have?

11. What topic did each character his/her poem about? (Andy, Rhonda, Keisha, B.J., Gerald)
12. Why did Santa Claus remind Andy of Rob?

13. Why does Andy say that he does not bother to get good grades?

14. Why does Andy not feel comfortable talking to his counselor?

15. What tradition do Andy and Rob’s mother share every Christmas?

16. Why does Andy think Robbie is cold?

17. What flashback does Andy experience?

18. What homework assignment does Dr. Carrothers give Andy?

19. What type of grown-up nightmares does Andy have?

20. Why does Rob want Andy in heaven?
21. What Shakespearean play do the students read?

22. Why does Andy walk out of class?

23. Which teacher is concerned for Andy? Why?

24. What happened to Andy during the talent show?

25. What metaphor does Andy use to describe his feelings after talking to his mom?

26. What did Andy’s dad want for him?

27. How did Andy’s friends and classmates feel at the end of the book?

28. What happened to his family? Monty?
Figurative Language in *Tears of a Tiger*

**Directions:** Label the following sentences with the appropriate figurative language.

1. Ain't nothin' like some cool bottled sunshine in the moonlight after a hot game!
2. –How did you feel then?   -Like a piece of crap.
3. I have grown-up nightmares about chemistry tests and drago-breathin' teachers and bein' caught in a rich white neighborhood after midnight.
4. We've almost finished our study of *Macbeth*.
5. Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player.

**Directions:** Find two of your own examples of figurative language. Write down the quote, the page number, and what type it is. Do a third for extra credit.

1. Quote:
   
   Page number:
   
   Type:

2. Quote:
   
   Page number:
   
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3. Quote:
   
   Page number:
   
   Type:
Dialect Journal

Conversations with my novel
For the novel *Tears of a Tiger*, students must create 5 dialect journal entries. Journal entries should come from the entire novel. Journal entries that are concentrated in one area of the novel will be considered incomplete. This is YOUR opportunity to express your thoughts and reflections on what you read. Each journal entry should be **at least** one page long and follow the format below.

Title:
Author:
Date:
Page number:
The book says:
I say:

The **I say statement** is where you will express your reflections. This should contain 95% of your 1 page length.

FINAL PROJECT

You will be creating a soundtrack for *Tears of a Tiger*. You will select six songs:

Choose a song that represents each of the following:
1. The **main character**'s overall personality.
2. Another **character**'s general characteristics.
3. The primary **conflict**, capturing the thoughts, feelings and emotions of the novel.
4. The **resolution** of, or the solution to, the conflict.
5. The **setting** of the story.
6. The “aha” **moment** in the story.

You will also create cover art for the CD.

There will be check in dates.

_____________ Packet questions due
_____________ Dialect Journals due
_____________ Draft of soundtrack
_____________ Draft of cover art

**FINAL PROJECT DUE** ______________________