



The Exact Location of Home

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Junior Tome It List Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions:

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you were desperate to find an answer? If so, what was the situation?
2. What do you think it would be like to have someone in your life routinely disappointing you?
3. Does a person's living arrangement define what type of person they become?
4. Is "home" just a house or can it be another location?

Post-reading questions:

1. Why does Kirby ("Zig") use the analogy of a circuit to describe his Dad?
2. Although Zig recognizes that the writing is not really that of his father in the geocache, do you think he is manufacturing reasons of why it really is or do you believe he actually believe it to be so?
3. Why do you think Zig is more upset with his Mom over their family situation than his Dad who is continually absent and not involved with his life?
4. Zig does everything he can to hide the secret of his living arrangements from Gianna and Ruby. His secret actually affects his friendship with Gianna. Do you think living arrangements or social status is a factor that comes into play with friendships?
5. Zig is surprised when Kevin Richards help him to regain the stolen GPS within the shelter. Zig is also surprised that Kevin is a resident of the shelter. How do you believe this changes Zig's opinion of Kevin as a bully?
6. Zig has been dreading the school field trip to the homeless shelter. What do you think has caused Zig to change his pride of where he is living when he is identified as a resident?
7. When Zig's mom finally reveals where Zig's dad is, what did you think of his reaction?
8. What are your thoughts regarding the title: "The Exact Location of Home"? What is your explanation for this title?

Post-reading Activities

1. Zig and his mom experience first-hand the effects of poverty and homelessness. Research information about poverty and homelessness, especially in youth, create a current issues essay and enter it into the Current Issues Portfolio & Presentation Competition.
2. Zig learns about himself and his town while geocaching. Research geocaching and develop an infographic and enter it in the Tome Infographic (Individual or Partner) competition.
3. Zig watches Scoop and reads Library Lion to him. Create a Chapter Service Newsletter about how your chapter has completed service-related literacy this year.

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