Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer

Aphasia Book Club

Chapters 1 & 2

Worksheet A

1. Theo dreams of becoming a famous lawyer or judge (page 6). Why is this job so appealing to Theo? When you were younger, did you have a job you dreamed of doing? What are you passionate about now?
2. One of the important settings in the novel is the county courthouse. The narrator states, “Theo loved the courthouse, with its air of authority, and people hustling importantly about, and somber notices and schedules tacked to the bulletin boards. Most of all, Theo loved the courtrooms themselves” (pages 5-6). What makes the courthouse and, particularly, the courtrooms so special for Theo? Is there a public place that you are especially fond of visiting? If so, what makes this spot special to you?
3. Theo’s best friend, April, is facing a difficult situation (pages 8-10). What advice does Theo give to his friend? Has anyone ever helped you in a difficult situation? What did they do that was helpful (or not helpful)?
4. Theo seems to know a lot about the courthouse and how court cases are run (pages 20-25). How do you think he learned all of this information? Is there something that you know a lot about that you could describe to others?

Worksheet B

1. Theo dreams of becoming a famous lawyer or judge (page 6). Why is this job so appealing to Theo?
   1. Theo grew up watching court cases on TV
   2. Theo grew up watching his parents in law firms and court
   3. Theo liked talking to the secretaries at the courthouse
   4. Theo has not expressed interest in becoming a lawyer or judge
2. True or False: Theo thinks that the courthouse is too noisy and sad. Theo does not like the courthouse (pages 5-6).
   1. True
   2. False
3. Theo’s best friend, April, is facing a difficult situation (pages 8-10). Theo tries to give his friend advice. When people give you advice, do you find it to be helpful or not helpful?

Helpful Not Helpful

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1. Theo seems to know a lot about the courthouse and how court cases are run (pages 20-25). How do you think he learned all of this information? (No correct answer, pick what you think applies best!)
   1. From his parents
   2. From his own personal research/reading
   3. From watching TV
   4. From his government teacher

Character List

Theodore Boone (Theo): 13-year-old boy who dreams of being a lawyer one day

Marcella Boone: Theo’s mother. She is a divorce lawyer working at Boone & Boone

Woods Boone: Theo’s father. He is a real estate lawyer at Boone & Boone

April Finnemore: Theo’s best friend. Her parents are filing for divorce

Judge Gantry: A highly respected judge in Strattenburg

Mrs. Hardy: Judge Gantry’s secretary in the courthouse

Mr. Mount: Theo’s Government teacher

Peter Duffy: Wealthy man who lived in Waverly Creek. On trial for accused murder of his wife, Mrs. Duffy

Clifford Nance: Mr. Duffy’s lawyer, a top criminal defense lawyer in the state

Jack Hogan: Lead prosecutor or district attorney