Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer

Aphasia Book Club

Chapters 10 & 11

Worksheet A

1. Theodore meets with Julio’s cousin at the shelter to talk about what he saw the day of the murder (pages 122-126). What do you think of this cousin’s story? Do you believe him? Does this change your thoughts on the trial?
2. If you were in Theo’s position, would you keep your promise to Julio and his cousin or would you tell the authorities? What are the pros and cons of keeping your promise? What are the pros and cons of telling?
3. If you were Julio’s cousin, would you come forward with the details of what you saw on the day of the murder? Why or why not?
4. Theo calls his uncle Ike to ask his advice (pages 132-133). Why does Theo not talk to his parents? Who would you turn to if you were in Theo’s position?

Worksheet B

1. Theodore meets with Julio’s cousin at the shelter to talk about what he saw the day of the murder (pages 122-126). On a scale of 1-10, how much do you believe the cousin’s story?

Not at all Totally

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. If you were in Theo’s position, would you keep your promise to Julio and his cousin or would you tell the authorities?
   1. I would keep my promise, and not tell the authorities
   2. I would break my promise, and tell the authorities.
2. If you were Julio’s cousin, would you come forward with the details of what you saw on the day of the murder?
3. Yes, I would tell the authorities about what I saw
4. No, I would keep it a secret
5. Theo calls his uncle Ike to ask his advice (pages 132-133). Why does Theo not talk to his parents?
6. Theo’s parents are not familiar with immigration law
7. Theo will lose control of the situation if he tells his parents
8. Theo’s is sure his parents will keep the secret
9. Theo does not like his parents

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**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

**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

**Omar Cheepe:** Part of Peter Duffy’s legal team. He was a former federal agent who now runs his own firm

**Hector and Rita:** Two second graders that Theo teaches English to every Tuesday at the Highland Street Shelter

**Julio:** Hector and Rita’s older brother who Theo helps learn algebra

**Julio’s cousin:** We don’t know his name. He says he saw Mr. Duffy go in and out of his house on the day of the murder. He is an illegal immigrant from El Salvador.

**Ms. Finney:** The court reporter assigned to the Duffy trial

**Jenny:** Secretary at Family Court who Theo has a crush on

**Elsa:** Works at Boone & Boone as receptionist, secretary, office manager, & paralegal