

English Skills 10

Summer Reading

Title: The End of the Beginning by Avi

Books may be purchased from bookstores (\$14.95), such as Borders or Barnes and Nobles or from Amazon.com (\$11.66) or checked out from a local library. The attached study guide is to be completed and typed in Times New Roman, font 12 using black ink. The complete study guide is due on the second day of class (August 21, 2008). There will be a test over the book on Friday August 22, 2008.

Vocabulary

Using a dictionary, define each word. Identify what part of speech it is. Use the word correctly in a sentence to demonstrate your understanding of the word.

skitted
anxious
hospitality
cautiously

reluctance
flimsy
admiration
haughty

salutation
astonished
lyrics
extraordinary

Characters

In the novel, the main characters Avon and Edward encounter other animals/insects on their adventure. Tell what each animal/insect is known for **OR** what advice they offered to Avon and Edward.

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Salamander
Caterpillar
Cricket
Worm

Writing Journal

After reading each chapter in the novel, write a response to each of the following questions as they pertain to the novel or to you. Your response should be well thought out and written using complete sentences. Be sure to answer all the parts to each question.

Chapter 1

What adventures have you always wished you could experience?

Chapter 2

Have you ever gotten any advice, bad or good? What was the advice? Did you follow the advice or ignore it? Why? If you were going to give advice to someone whom would you give advice to and what would the advice be?

Chapter 3

Edward says you have to have music in your life. What do you feel you absolutely have to have in your life, something you can't live without? Why can't you live without it?

Chapter 4

“I can’t go on this way.” Edward feels frustrated, confused, and hurt. Have you ever felt this way? What obstacles did you have to overcome or change to keep going? Did any one help you? Who helped you and how did they help you?

Chapter 5

“Suggestions first, directions second.” Who in your life has been a provider of suggestions to you (parent, teacher, friend)? Were the suggestions good or bad? What direction did this lead you to take?

Chapter 6

“Dragons disguise themselves as good dragons and bad dragons.” Think of dragons as obstacles and opportunities in your life. What are some obstacles or bad dragons you have encountered in your life? What opportunities or good dragons have you encountered in your life?

Chapter 7

Avon was faced with a potential ‘battle’ with the other snail on the branch as they tried to pass each other. What coping strategies do you use in your life to get along with others?

Chapter 8

“Don’t look at the world with your eyes but with your heart.” Write a short poem (5 – 10 lines) of how you look at the world with your heart.

Chapter 9

Describe a good deed you have done for someone. Did it go as you planned? How did you feel after completing the deed? What would you have done differently? If you have never done a good deed for someone, plan one and then answer the above questions.

Chapter 10

As of today, do you feel you are at the end or the beginning of your adventure called life? Explain why you feel as you do.

Chapter 11

“You are not the same as every other person.” What sets you apart from others? What makes you the unique person you are?

Chapter 12

Design a post card to send to someone from the place you most want to travel to. Your postcard should represent the **one** thing you most wanted to see or the thing that was the most fun on the trip. Address the post card and write a message to the addressee. This activity should be completed on a 4 x 6 index card. Be sure to color the front of the postcard to make it look as realistic as possible.

Chapter 13

Describe a problem or puzzle you have encountered in your life. Who helped you solve the puzzle or problem? How did they help you? Describe your feeling as you experienced the problem/puzzle. Were there any complications that arose? How did you solve them?

Chapter 15

What do you think would make you happy at last, like Avon?

Chapter 16

Describe the most exciting adventure of your life. Does it matter what direction you take on an adventure? Why or why not?

Chapter 17

After Avon and Edward’s many adventures, Avon realizes he would rather be right ‘here’ than anywhere else. Where do you think your ‘right here’ place is in this world? Why? Describe endings that have occurred in your life that are beginnings to other parts to your life.