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Nothing But the Truth by Avi

Chapters 1-10 Study Questions

Answer the following questions in your binder. Use complete sentences.

Chapter 1

1. Phillip describes his English teacher, Miss Narwin, as “flinty-faced.” What does this mean? (Hint: Look at the definition of *flint*.)
2. Phillip and Miss Narwin express very different moods in this chapter. What is the mood of each? What is your evidence that suggests each mood?
3. What words reveal Miss Narwin’s assessment of Phillip?
4. What is the setting of this book? How is it revealed?

Chapter 2

1. Define *Carpe Diem*.
2. What tone does Mr. Lunser set during the announcements? How do you know?
3. Do you agree or disagree with Phillip’s idea on how to take exams? Explain.

Chapter 3

1. What impact do you think the memo will have on Phillip? What is your evidence?
2. From Phillip’s phone conversation with Allison, make a statement you believe to be true about Phillip.

Chapter 4

1. Define *excerpt*.
2. If you were Miss Narwin, what grade would you have given Phillip’s test? Why?

Chapter 5

1. We can infer from Miss Narwin’s letter that she is _____ because _____ (characteristic).

Chapter 6

1. Define *controversial*.
2. Define *electorate*.
3. What “truth” does Dr. Seymour want to be known?

Chapter 7

1. Phillip says, “I wish people would say what they mean.” If this really happened, what effect would it have on the world in general? What effect would it have on you?

Chapter 8

1. Define *facilitate*.
2. Whose fault is it that Phillip cannot try out for the track team?

Chapter 9

1. Much of this chapter is dialogue. List 5 characteristics of Phillip and 5 characteristics of Miss Narwin that are revealed through what they say.
2. Explain how dialogue reveals characteristics.
3. Have Phillip and his parents “really” communicated? Explain.

Chapter 10

1. What is the conflict between Phillip and Miss Narwin? Is it getting better or worse? Explain your answer.
2. How has Phillip changed the “truth” in his conversation with Todd Becker?
3. Did Mr. Lunser tell the “truth”? Why or why not?
4. Define bedlam.
5. Does Miss Narwin understand her students? Explain.

