

CHAPTER FIVE:

1. When Winston's father tells him about the story he is going to cover, Winston is surprised at what Terry Fox is attempting to do. Explain why he is surprised.

Response Journal Topics:

1. Winston's father does not think that Terry can run across Canada. Do you believe that he can? Why or why not?
2. Describe a time when you decided to try something that others thought you would not succeed at. Did their opinion make you change your mind?
3. Winston's father plays Frank Sinatra's music in the car. Winston hates it. Give an example of something that you like that your parents don't.

CHAPTER SIX:

1. Explain what Terry means when he says, "I had to convince myself [the Marathon of Hope] was possible before I talked to anybody else about it."
2. What is the difference between a victim and a survivor? Look both words up the dictionary and write their definitions in your own words. Why is Terry annoyed when Winston's father calls him a victim?
3. In what ways do you think running across Canada could help those who have cancer?
4. When Winston's father asks Terry why he is running across Canada, Terry says, "By running like this I let people know that cancer can be beaten . . . that life can go on . . . that you define people by their ability and not their disability."

Look up the word *disability* in the dictionary. Define *disability* in your own words. In your opinion, why does Terry want people to recognize his abilities and not his disability?

Response Journal Topics:

1. Running across Canada is not an easy thing to do. Terry explains that he didn't wake up from his surgery with the ability to run a marathon every day. He first had to learn how to walk with crutches, then a cane, then with an artificial leg. When he started running, it was only one lap at a time on a track, and even that was hard. Before starting the Marathon of Hope, he trained every day for fourteen months. Compare Terry's struggle with a time when you tried to do something that was hard. Did you refuse to give up like Terry?
2. Terry's best friend, Doug, immediately agreed to put his life on hold to help Terry with the Marathon of Hope. Describe a time when you did something that was more than what was expected in order to help a friend in need.
3. Imagine you are a reporter like Winston's father and you were asked to interview Terry Fox. List the questions you would have asked him.

CHAPTER SEVEN:

1. Winston asks his father if he has changed his mind about whether he thinks Terry will be able to run across Canada. His father believes that there is a chance Terry will succeed. He says, "There's something in that kid's eyes." Describe what you think Winston's father sees in Terry's eyes.
2. Winston's father speaks honestly to Winston about what kind of a father he thinks he's been. What clues does this give you about why Winston has been running?