

Response Journal Topics:

1. What kind of a person do you think a hero needs to be? List six adjectives that could describe a hero.
2. Winston's father is writing another article about Terry. Imagine you are a reporter. Write a paragraph describing what you've seen and learned about Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope.

CHAPTER EIGHT:

1. In Winston's father's article, he writes, "If you look at him—and you have to look very closely—you can see a slight twinge on his face when that artificial leg hits the ground. I know it must hurt. I also know he doesn't want people to see that in his face." In your opinion, why doesn't Terry want people to see that he is in pain?

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Winston's father writes, "He's a hero. Terry would tell you different. He'd tell you he's no hero. I'm telling you he is." Do you think that Terry is a hero? What makes you believe that he is or is not?

CHAPTER NINE:

1. In his article, Winston's father writes that Terry is a hero, but he is not really sure that he is. Doug explains to Winston's father that at the end of every day Terry marks the spot where he stops with a plastic bag held down with a rock. One time the bag could not be found and Terry ran an extra three miles. Explain in your own way what this says about Terry's character. Do you believe this will change Winston's father's opinion of Terry?
2. Winston's father is skeptical about what Terry is doing in the Marathon of Hope. Look up the word *skeptical* in the dictionary. What does *skeptical* mean? Write the definition in your own words. List the reasons Winston's father gives for being skeptical of Terry.

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Winston's father has a hard time believing that Terry is completely honest about what he is doing. Describe a time when someone questioned your honesty or your intentions about something you were doing.

CHAPTER TEN:

1. Terry asks Winston whether his school gives him extra work when he is away. Winston says no and hopes that Terry will drop the subject. He doesn't want to tell Terry that he was suspended. "It wasn't something that I was proud of." How does that tell you that he is beginning to change?
2. When Terry shows Winston his artificial leg, he explains that many years ago an amputee could not have done what he is doing because artificial legs were heavy and awkward. Terry says, "I think that people didn't even consider that somebody could lose a leg and still want to be athletic, want to play sports and compete." This is a preconception that is common about people who have disabilities. Look up the word *preconception* in the dictionary. What does it mean? Write the definition in your own words. Explain how Terry was changing this preconception.
3. In grade eight Terry made the basketball team. Why was this a really hard thing for him to do? Look up the word *determined* in the dictionary. What does it mean? Write the definition in your own words. How does making the basketball team show you that Terry is a very determined person?
4. What do you think Winston means when he says, "I realized what [Terry] was staring at when he was running—he was seeing the other side of the country"?