

DISCUSSION

LESSON 17

NAME _____



After reading chapters 7-9 of *32 Dandelion Court*, discuss the following questions.



Chapter

7

- Nicky describes his grandfather as “the kind of guy who knows when to push and when to back off”. What does that mean? Why does Nicky like this characteristic in Pop so much? Do you know anyone who is the same way?
- What are some of the ways that Nicky’s dad wants the family to “tighten their belts”? How does Nicky feel about those ideas? What will Nicky’s new job be? How does he feel about it? Do you have any special jobs?

Chapter

8

- Is Nicky excited to share his list with Mrs. Bailey? How do you know? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Why is Nicky so excited to share his list with Mrs. Bailey?
- How do Nicky and Mrs. Bailey share their lists? Name some places that Nicky will miss. Name some places that Mrs. Bailey loves in New Jersey. Are there any new places on either list that you have never heard of? What do you know about that place?
- Mrs. Bailey says “you can take the by out of Philadelphia but you can’t take the Philadelphia out of the boy”. What does she mean by that?

Chapter

9

- The family is not moving until the end of June? Why is this good news for Nicky? Why is this bad news for Nicky? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Nicky describes Timmy and says, “He really wasn’t a bad kid, he just had a way of grinding my nerves”. What does he mean by that? Give some examples of how Timmy bothers Nicky and ways that he is sarcastic to Timmy.
- Think about someone who grinds on your nerves. What does that person do that bothers you? What could you do about that?
- Why does Nicky decide to go grocery shopping with his dad after all? Why was he concerned about going grocery shopping in the first place?



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