

DISCUSSION

LESSON 30

NAME _____



After reading chapters 10-12, from *Vote for T-Bone*, discuss the following questions.



Chapter 10

- Nicky finds a quote from Thomas Edison that is, *“Be courageous! Whatever setbacks America has encountered, it has always emerged as a stronger and more prosperous nation...Be brave as your fathers before you. Have faith and go forward. What do you think that quote means?*
- Thomas Edison was one of the most important inventors in our history. Why?
- In this chapter, Nicky, his grandfather, and T-Bone have an important discussion about being rich and famous. Grandfather says, *“We should raise the standards we have for being impressed and expect more from the famous”*. Think about this statement. Do you agree? Support your answer.
- Think about Thomas Edison’s credo and explain how it applies to you: *“Be courageous, try everything until something works and dedicate yourself to your passion, trusting that what you are will show in what you do.”*

Chapter 11

- Why does Nicky want to change T-Bone’s campaign plan? What is wrong with T-Bone’s current plan?
- What is T-Bone’s real reason for wanting to be on Student Council? What are the plans he has for making the school better? What would you do to make your school better?
- The mayor tells Nicky and T-Bone that what they are doing is even more valuable than money. Explain what he means by that.

Chapter 12

- T-Bone wants to change the way Student Council is run. Why? What is his new idea? Do you agree with the change? Why or why not.
- Think about the speech that Mrs. Swanson gave to the students in school. What does it make you think about?
- Read T-Bone’s list of things he realistically thought he could accomplish by being part of the Student Council. Pick your favorite one and explain why you agree with that item. Would you add any ideas to T-Bone’s list?
- All of the other students running for Student Council had some good ideas of ways to improve the school. Who did you think has the best ideas? Why?
- How does Student Council end up with co-presidents? Share your opinion.