

How to Steal a Dog Reading Entry Choice Board

<p style="text-align: center;">Making Bad Choices</p> <p>Georgina knows that stealing the dog is wrong, but she does it anyway.</p> <p>*Do you think she had no other choice but to do this?</p> <p>* Do you think that desperate times calls for desperate measures?</p> <p>*Have you ever done something you knew was wrong but you felt you had no other choice?</p> <p>*How did you feel after doing it? Did guilt set in like it did for Georgina?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mookie</p> <p>What role does Mookie play in the story? Compare and contrast Mookie's homelessness with Georgina's situation.</p> <p>* What is similar about Mookie and Georgina? What is different?</p> <p>*Do you think Mookie understands Georgina and why she did what she did? What makes you think that?</p> <p>* Why do you think Mookie is always so happy and has a good outlook on life when he is homeless?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lesson Learned</p> <p>At the end of the story, things get better for Georgina. Her family is living in a house again, Willie is back home with his owner, and Carmella forgives Georgina for stealing a dog. Georgina finally determines that stealing a dog is NOT a good idea.</p> <p>*What lesson did Georgina learn from this situation?</p> <p>*How do you think she finally came to fully understand that she was wrong?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Future Georgina</p> <p>Write about Georgina's life a year down the road. What does it look like?</p> <p>*Do you think she is still friends with Luanne after she ditched her for Lisa?</p> <p>*Do you think she is doing better in school?</p> <p>*Is she still sharing a house with another family?</p> <p>*What is her relationship like her with mother and Toby now?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Toby</p> <p>Toby never gets to share his feelings. What do you think was going on through his head? Write a chapter as if you were Toby. Include how you think he felt throughout the book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Different Ending</p> <p>At the end of the story, Georgina's guilt builds up and returns the dog to Carmella and tells her everything. Carmella is very forgiving to Georgina.</p> <p>Rewrite a different ending. This time Carmella is not so nice and forgiving. What happens?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mottos</p> <p>When Georgina meets Mookie in the woods he ends up giving her positive advice in the form of mottos.</p> <p>*What do the two mottos below mean and why would he tell them to Georgina?</p> <p>-- "Sometimes the trail you leave behind you is more important than the path ahead of you"</p> <p>-- "Sometimes, the more you stir it, the more it stinks"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Georgina's Mother</p> <p>On p. 49, Georgina says to Mama, "Maybe you could act like a mother!"</p> <p>*Do you think Mama acts like a mother?</p> <p>* Is she doing everything she can to take care of her kids?</p> <p>*Would you be mad at your mother if you had to live in a car?</p> <p>*Do you think Georgina is wrong for the way she treats her mother? Do you think Georgina really means the things that she says?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Luanne</p> <p>Throughout the text Georgina starts to physically change. Her hair becomes very greasy and her clothes are ratty and dirty. Georgina's attitude also changed for the worse.</p> <p>* Do you think that Luanne is a true friend? Why?</p> <p>*How does her friend Luanne react to Georgina and her changed appearance and personality?</p> <p>*If you were Luanne and knew there was something wrong with your friend, what do you think you would do?</p>