

The novel Stand Tall by Joan Bauer
Chapter One Questions

I. Read pages 1-3. Answer this **“Think and Search”** Question: What is the author trying to tell us about the character Mrs. Pierce, or about the way the school works? How do you know? (Use details from the book.)

II. Read pages 4-5, watching for and writing in the answers to these **“Right There”** questions:

1. What surgery has the main character’s grandfather undergone recently? _____
2. How tall is the main character? _____
3. What is the main character’s nickname? _____ his real name? _____

III. Answer this **“On Your Own”** question”: On page 5, you’ll find a “big idea”: “Tallness is packed with great expectations.” Is that true? Why or why not?

IV. *Stand Tall* Chapter 1: Please restate, answer, and give text support

- 1) Why is the life of the main character suddenly so complicated?
- 2) How do you think Tree felt during the conversation with Mrs. Pierce? Explain using an example!
- 3) On page 7, examine the line the author writes: "It was winter in his life, too, and not just because it was December." What can you *infer* from this line?

Stand Tall Chapter 2: Please restate, answer, and give text support

1. What is *heymom.com*?
2. Do you think this website is a good idea? Why or why not?
3. How do you think the divorce will change the holidays for Tree?
4. Why do you think Tree's brothers are giving such silly answers to their mother's questions?
5. Where are Tree's brothers?
6. What is Tree's favorite part of the week? Explain why you think that this is true.
7. Tree said on page 12 "the older and slower Bradley got, the more he seemed to know." Do you agree that animals can sense trouble?
8. At the top of page 11, it says "Divorce casts so many shadows." How had divorce cast shadows for Tree?