Tears of A Tiger Comprehension and Analysis Questions

Directions: Answer each question below in complete sentences on separate paper. Staple all papers together to be turned in.

Part 1 p. 1-40

1. Does the book go in chronological order in the beginning? What are the dates of the first three sections? Why might Draper have chosen to organize the book in this way?

2. What are the different modes of storytelling being utilized?

3. Which boys were involved in the accident?


5. Write a paragraph explaining what you like or dislike about the book so far? Give specific reasons.

Part 2 p. 41-88

1. Who do Andy’s parents make him go speak to? Does he want to talk to him?

2. What type of relationship do Andy and his parents have?

3. How does Andy feel about the accident?


5. Write a paragraph describing which character you like or dislike the most. Give specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Part 3 89- 135

1. What happens in Andy’s nightmare?

2. What does Andy volunteer to do at school?

3. Write a paragraph about the relationship between any two characters.

Part 4 pages 136-160

1. What does Andy decide to do at the end of the story?
2. How do his friends feel after?
3. Who finds Andy?
4. Summarize pages 136 to the end.
5. Write a paragraph explaining Andy’s depression. Could what happened have been prevented?

Part 5 Whole Novel Essay

Directions: Choose one of the following topics for your essay.

Option 1: Choose a character (other than Andy) from *Tears of a Tiger* and write a five paragraph essay where you discuss his/her three defining personality traits. Be sure to have evidence from the story to explain your choices.

Option 2: There were many warning signs that Andy was extremely depressed. Write a five paragraph essay where you discuss three of them in detail using direct evidence from the story.

Option 3: Andy’s parents wanted the best for him, but their ideas were based on a lifestyle that Andy had no interest in. Write a five paragraph essay that discusses three ways Andy’s parents were not successful in being there for him. Be sure to cite specific evidence.

Option 4: There are many moments in the story where Andy talks about how being black affects how he is viewed and treated. Write a five paragraph essay that discusses three of these situations. Be sure to use specific details from the book.