

READING JOURNAL:

THE OTHER WES MOORE

- As you read the other Wes Moore, I want you to take some notes, as you read, in your journal.
- Setup each journal entry page like the example below.
- Make sure you have a journal from each chapter
- This document is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/wes-moore-journal>

The Other Wes Moore Journal Example:

Chapter 4:

Quote 1: (Moore #).

"Tony was the closest thing Wes had to a role model. But the more he tried to be like his brother, the more his brother rejected him. The more he copied him, the more Tony pushed back. Wes wanted to be just like Tony. Tony wanted Wes to be nothing like him."

Quote 2: (Moore #).

"Nikki never fully adjusted to the new social and academic environment; she attended three different high schools in four years. Shani, by contrast, was a prodigy. She did not go outside much, except to play basketball with me and my friends, and she seemed to have a book with her wherever she went. In fact, by the time I hit fifth grade and she was in third grade, she had overtaken me in reading scores, a distinction she carried through our entire academic lives and probably holds to this day. As much of a screwup as I was becoming, I still tried hard to look after her."

Your thoughts: Why did you choose each quote? How do the two quotes relate to each other (compare/contrast)? What universal questions or theme statements does this make you think of?

I chose each quote because these quotes showed how each Wes was leading, where it looked like they were going with life. They show how they start to mirror each other at the same age, how they keep getting in trouble and how they didn't keep up with their grades. This leads me to ask, do kids look for the closest person as a role model or actually look for a role model?

Chapter 5:

Quote 1:(Moore #).

"Welcome to military school. Valley Forge Military Academy is in Wayne, Pennsylvania. "

Quote 2: (Moore #).

"Alicia told Wes that her period was late. Four tests and eight matching plus signs later, it was confirmed. They were going to be parents."

Your thoughts: Why did you choose each quote? How do the two quotes relate to each other (compare/contrast)? What universal questions or theme statements does this make you think of?

Each of these quotes show the problems that are occurring in each of their lives. They show the problems each of them are facing and how their life looks like. They show how one is getting their bad habits fixed and how the other is just finding more trouble and not caring about it anymore. This can lead to a statement, the family that raises the child decide and shape the way the life of the child will turn out to be.

Chapter 6:

Quote 1: (Moore #).

"Wes wasn't shocked or afraid anymore, just annoyed. Why him? Why now? Why couldn't they just leave him alone? He had enough to worry about"

Quote 2: (Moore #).

"I was a starter on the Valley Forge basketball team, the only sophomore on the starting squad that year and the first sophomore starter in over five years. I was making a name on the court, and colleges were taking notice, writing to me fairly frequently. These two letters, from Lafayette College and Georgetown, were just the most recent."

Your thoughts: Why did you choose each quote? How do the two quotes relate to each other (compare/contrast)? What universal questions or theme statements does this make you think of?

These show what was going on with each Wes's life, how one was getting his bad habits fixed and how the other was getting into deeper trouble and already numb to the trouble he gets in. They show how they are each getting to the point where their lives are being determined from that point on. These quotes show how they can't turn back from the decisions they are making right now. This leads to a question, Does every little mistake we make in the wrong situation, lead us down the wrong path?