

Discussion Prompts

Through the Tunnel



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. Why does Jerry make the decision to swim through the tunnel?
2. Why doesn't Jerry tell his mother about his plans to prepare for swimming through the tunnel?
3. Why is it no longer important for Jerry to go to the bay after he's made it through the tunnel?
4. Identify three personality traits that Jerry displays. Use text evidence to support your answer.
5. How does Jerry change from the beginning to the end of "Through the Tunnel"? What has caused these changes?
6. Compare the way Jerry views his mother with the way you view her.
7. How does "Through the Tunnel" connect to the concept of growing up?
8. What do the tunnel and the bay symbolize?