



Game of Your Life

Grade School Discussion Starter

In Family Movie Night's *Game of Your Life*, Zach Taylor is part of a video game design team.

A team can be any group of people working together. Have you ever been part of a team? If so, what kind?

You may not be the captain, but your skills are very important to the team. Write down at least one unique talent you bring to your team.

Write down the name of one teammate and one unique talent they bring to your team. The next time you see them, tell them that you notice their talent and you're glad they are on your team.

My friend's name is: _____

Their special talent is: _____



Story of Your Life

Just like Lincoln Alley's video game, the choices we make affect everyone around us. Play this game with your friends to see how each person shapes a make believe story.

- 1.) Sit in a circle.
- 2.) Choose someone to begin the story by reading one prompt out loud.
- 3.) Going clockwise around the circle, have each person add just one sentence to the story.
- 4.) Have fun-- nothing is too crazy for this tall tale!

Here are some prompts to get your crazy stories started:

“Once upon a time, there was a princess, a ninja, and an intelligent _____...”

“On a baseball field far, far away stood a pitcher, a talking squirell, and a _____ with a mustache...”

“One day, Lindsay, the lamma looked out her window and said, “ _____ ””

“Susie took off her glasses and hid behind a rock as the terrible slithering _____ darted past...””

“Tommy left for school one morning with a harmonica, his toothbrush, a toy poodle, and a polka dotted _____...”



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Jr. High Literary Terms Worksheet

What major events took place in the exposition of *Game of Your Life*?

What triggered the inciting moment?

List three rising actions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Identify the climax:

List three falling actions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How did the characters find resolution in the denouement?



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Sr. High Literary Worksheet

The protagonist is the leading character, hero, or heroine in a drama. Who is the protagonist in *Game of Your Life*?

What are three major character traits of the protagonist?

The antagonist is the person who opposes, struggles against, or competes with the protagonist. Who is the antagonist in *Game of Your Life*?

Use three adjectives to describe the antagonist.

All good stories involve a struggle or conflict. What is the central conflict in *Game of Your Life*?

How does the protagonist change through the course of the film?

Which character do you most identify with and why?



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Jr./Sr. High Discussion Prompts:

When Zach is given an offer to work on a project for the gaming legend Marcus Bentton, he jumps at the chance. He immediately realizes that there is something suspicious about the job, but he agrees to take it anyway.

- Do you feel Zach should have taken the job if he had concerns about it?
- How would you have handled the situation?

When Zach learns that his father is in financial trouble, he feels obligated to help. Yet, Zach's team is counting on his help to pass the course.

- What would you do if you were in Zach's shoes?
- Was there any other way for Zach to help his father?

As the Lincoln Alley project manager, Sara is responsible for making sure each team member is contributing to the project. When she learns that Zach is spending his time working for Marcus Bentton and not on the project, she kicks Zach off the team.

- Do you feel Sara acted appropriately?
- What would you have done if you were in Sara's shoes?
- How would you have reacted to Sara's decision if you were in Zach's shoes?

Jr./Sr. High Essay Prompts:

Sometimes being loyal to a commitment or team takes a lot of sacrifice. Describe a time in your life when you had to sacrifice your personal comfort for the good of a bigger cause.

Even though your intentions are good, sometimes it's easy to over-commit and let important things fall through the cracks. Describe how you decide what to commit to and how you manage your time.

Sara had to make a tough decision and kick Zach off of the team. Even though it was a painful experience, Sara and Zach's relationship was much stronger because Sara had the courage to make that hard call. Describe a time when a friend or family member had the courage to confront you about something and how that changed your relationship.