

Bridge to Tarabitha Worksheet

Answer the following questions as you are viewing the film. You may want to take quick notes and then return to write complete sentences at the film's end.

1. In order to let you know what Jesse is like, the film shows you several activities that Jesse enjoys doing by himself. As you watch the film, list two:

1. _____

2. _____

2. Jesse does not seem to be too happy. List three things happen to him that causes him to feel bad?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Leslie is confident and adventurous. List three does she do that shows these characteristics?

1 _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Both boys and one particular girl are bullies and treat other children badly. List two events that show bullying behavior, one from a boy and another from a girl.

1. _____

2. _____

5. The magical kingdom that Jesse and Leslie create for themselves seem to be an exaggeration of the everyday things one finds in nature, such as animals, plants, even abandoned trucks. List three things that the children use to make their fantasy come alive.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

6. Leslie gives Jesse art supplies on his birthday while his father gives him a toy. What does this tell you about Jesses' relationship with his family?

7. What gift does Jesse give to Leslie that is perfect for his friend?

8. Leslie's parents tell Jesse that the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work that is worth doing." Later Jesse says this to his mother and father. What work has he been doing that makes him know what this line means?

9. Jesse feels guilty about Leslie's death. Why?

10. When Jesse takes his little sister to Tarabitha after he has built the bridge, it seems as if he is going to be o.k. and will go on with his life without Leslie. How do we know this is true? List some things that Jesse has said or done that shows he will be o.k.

Quick Writing Assignments:

1. After they get their revenge through a cruel prank, Jesse and Leslie learn about the problems Janice faces that seem to make her into a bully. Explain first what the children learn about bullies in these events and then what advice Leslie gives Janice to help her deal with her embarrassment.

1. _____

2. _____

2. Jesse's father seems to change after Leslie's death and is helpful to Jesse as is his little sister and Leslie's parents. What did these people do, however small the actions may seem, that help Jesse move on with his life?
