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Grade 8

Summer Reading

The Five People You Meet in Heaven
By: Mitch Albom

Reading

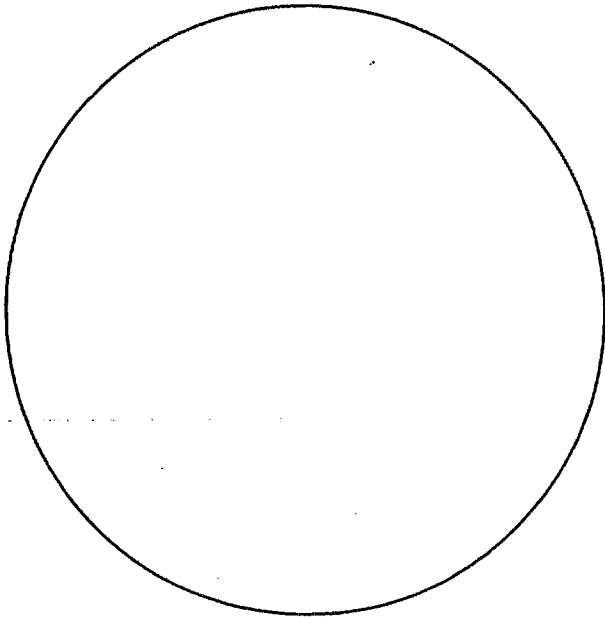
- Complete attached handout after reading the book
 - It can be typed, on looseleaf, or directly on the handout
 - This will be part of your first reading grade of the trimester.

Speaking

- Eddie met five people on his journey to heaven
 - On the handout provided you are to identify five people that would be apart of your journey
 - They can be alive or dead
 - They can be famous
 - They may NOT be a fictional character
 - After you have identified your five people you are to describe why each person is part of your journey

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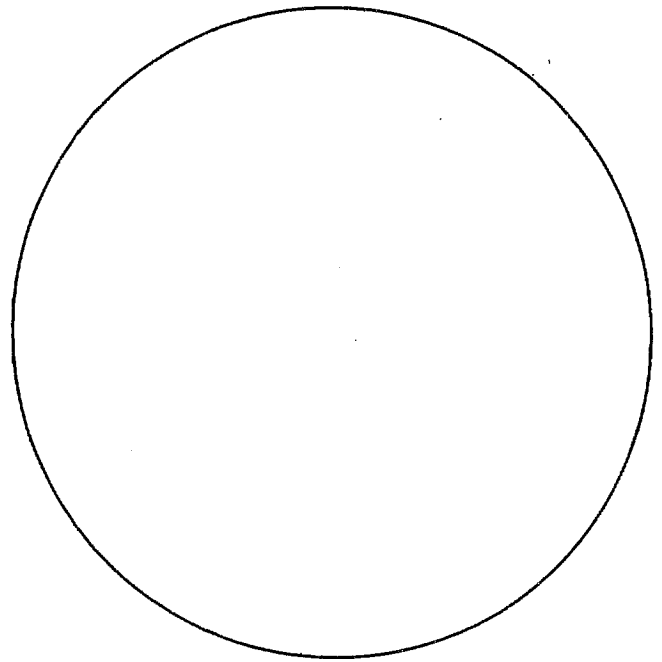


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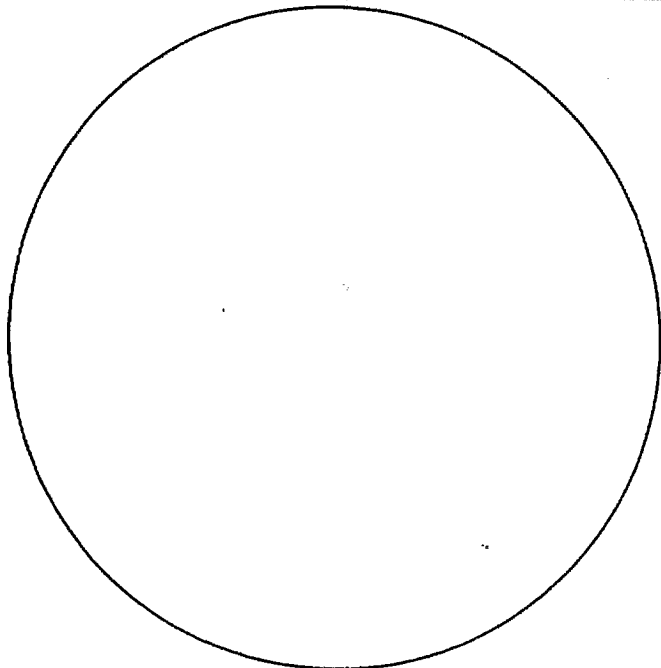
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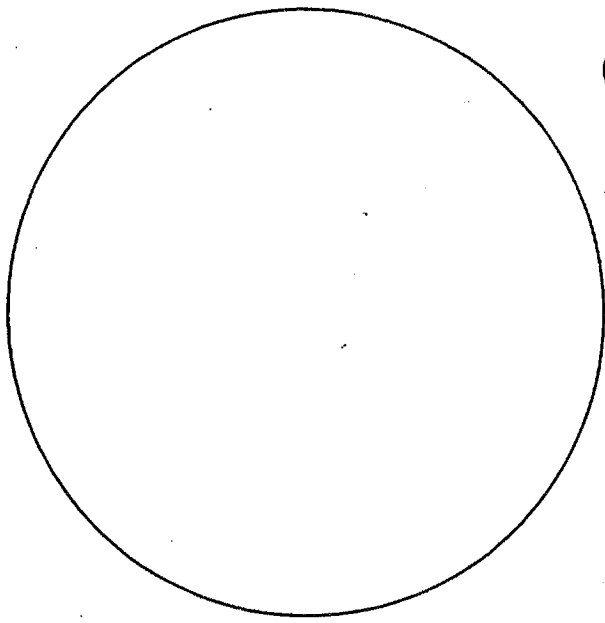
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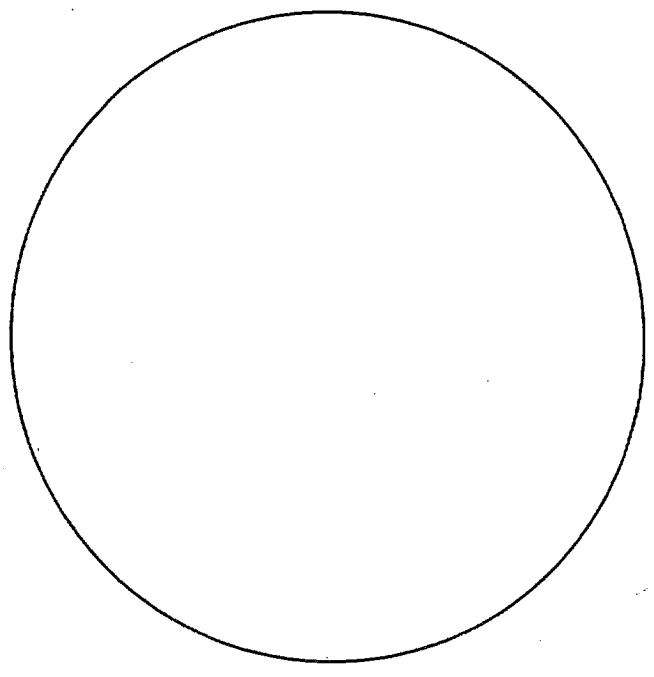


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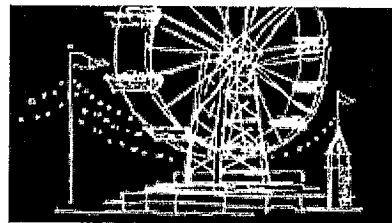
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Guided Reading Questions: Record your answers to these questions in complete sentences as you read the novel.

Section 1: pages 1-18

1. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
2. Why did Eddie's brother not talk to him for months after the alley fight?
3. What is Eddie's motivation in giving Dominguez money and saying "Get your wife something nice?"
4. Why does no one ask Eddie about how he got his war injury?
5. What is significant about the girl that Eddie makes a pipe cleaner animal for?

Section 2: 19-31

1. Why do you think the author might include flashbacks/ anecdotes about Eddie's birthdays throughout the book?
2. The first birthday anecdote ends with Eddie's father smiling and thinking "his." What does this show?
3. How do we, as readers, know that Eddie's mother was a good mother?
4. One of the last chapters was called "The End." This one is called "The Arrival." Why?
5. Why does Eddie feel different upon his "arrival?"
6. Why did Ruby Pier shut down the sideshow?
7. How did Eddie feel about the sideshow participants as a child?
8. Why do you think Eddie is meeting this person in heaven?

Section 3: 32-55

1. Why can't Eddie speak when he first arrives in heaven?
2. What does the Blue Man say that heaven is for?
3. Why is the Blue Man blue?
4. Why would the Blue Man be proud to be called the 'best freak in the stable'?
5. What question does Eddie ask the Blue Man before the Blue Man leaves?
6. Why important information is included in the section called "Sunday, 3 P.M.?"
7. What important information is included in the section about Eddie's 17th birthday?

Section 4: 56-79

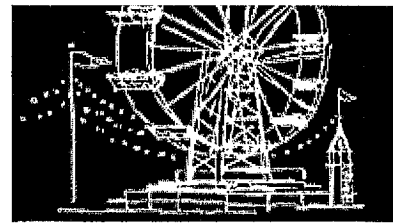
1. Why did Eddie enlist?
2. What did Eddie do to prepare before shipping out?
3. Eddie learned many things in the war. Which seems to be the most important?
4. Describe the conditions of Eddie's capture.
5. What skill does Eddie use to help in his escape?

Section 5: 80-103

1. What do the men do upon being freed?
2. Why do you think the author never gave the Captain a name?
3. What concept about heaven does the Captain introduce in the second lesson?
4. What is the second lesson?
5. Explain this thought: "Why would heaven make you relive your own decay?"

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Section 6: 104-131

1. Describe Eddie's childhood in two complete sentences.
2. Why did Eddie's father yell at him after the war?
3. Who is Eddie's 3rd person and what impact does he or she have on his life?
4. Describe Eddie's attitude about life as he has started to age. Use two complete sentences.
5. Why does Eddie move back to Apartment 6B?

Section 7: 132- 153

1. Why does Eddie's father save Mickey Shea?
2. Why had Eddie's father come home wet, later catching pneumonia?
3. What seems strange about Eddie's father's last moments?
4. What is significant about Eddie's funeral?
5. Where does Eddie find himself when it comes time to meet his 4th person?

Section 8: 154-178

1. Describe 2 details from Eddie and Marguerite's wedding.
2. What do these details say about them?
3. What happens on Eddie's 39th birthday?
4. What was the 4th person's lesson? Do you agree with it? Why or why not?

Section 9: 179-196

1. Before reading the section, who do you think the 5th person is? Why?
2. What stands out to Eddie as he arrives at this version of heaven?
3. What is the 5th lesson?
4. Where did Eddie go at the end of the book?