

“Why Chicken Means so Much to Me”

1. Think about when you were a little boy or girl. What did you want to be when you grew up? Is this still true today? If not, what is it now? Do the people closest to you encourage this dream? Are there any obstacles getting in the way of this dream?

2. Review Junior’s description of his parents on page 13. Why does Junior make that drawing? Why does he feel that his parents weren’t able to realize their dreams? Why does Junior feel so hopeless?

3. What is a “self-fulfilling prophecy”? Brainstorm some possibilities.

Prediction:

Actual definition:

4. Review the cartoon, on page 12, of who Junior’s parents could have been if somebody had paid attention to their dreams. Next, using Junior’s drawing as a model, think of someone you could create a cartoon about, who would have been somebody different if someone had supported their dreams.
 - a. On a blank piece of paper, draw a cartoon drawing of the person, and make point form notes as Junior did..
 - b. Next, answer the following questions:
 - i. Why did this individual give up on his or her dreams?
 - ii. What obstacles prevented this from being realized?
 - iii. Write a short paragraph (6-10 sentences) explaining the back story to describe the illustration.

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