

The Tiger Rising



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Chapters 1 & 2

Before you read the chapters:

Anna Julia Cooper wrote, "Bullies are always cowards at heart and may be credited with a pretty safe instinct in scenting their prey." Why do you think it is dangerous to witness someone being bullied and not do anything about it?

Vocabulary:

Choose a word from the list to complete each sentence.

creeping
harbors

lurch
sullen

pretend
notion

melody
astounded

concentrating
abiding

1. I don't think my brother _____ any bitter feelings toward his boss.
2. Wherever did you get the _____ that you didn't need to bring your pencil?
3. My mother had the _____ belief that all things would work out.
4. Misty was simply _____ when she passed the math test.
5. It was obvious that Mickey was unhappy by the _____ look on his face.
6. The sudden movement of the ship caused him to _____ and fall into the pool.
7. "I'm sorry I didn't hear you," he said. "I was _____ on what I was reading."
8. Matilda saw a huge spider _____ across the living room floor.
9. It is said that her uncle created a _____ to go with the words of that poem.
10. It won't do any good to _____ you're sick, your homework will still have to be done for tomorrow's class.



Questions:

1. Why did Rob like the Kentucky Star sign?

2. From the second paragraph in Chapter One, how do we know that Rob definitely does not like going to school?

3. Do you think that the tiger Rob found, beside the Beauchamp gas station building, was real? Defend your answer.

4. What three things was Rob not thinking about as he waited for the bus?

5. Rob has a very rich imagination. What way has he devised for not thinking about things?

6. What is the **setting** for this novel? Remember a setting consists of both a time and place.

7. Bullying can take many forms. Two ways that Norton and Billy bullied Rob were physically and verbally. Give an example of each.



8. What surprising event took place at the end of Chapter Two?

Language Activities:

1. A **literary device** the author enjoys using is **a simile** (a comparison using *like* or *as*). An example of this is when the author writes, “He specifically did not think about Norton and Billy Threemonger waiting for him like chained and starving guard dogs, eager to attack.” With what does the author compare Norton and Billy?

Come up with three similes of your own that have a definite *tiger-like* flavor.

2. **A Name Poem**

A Name Poem, or Acrostic Poem, tells about the topic (or name) of the poem. It uses the letters of the word for the first letter of each line. Here is an example.

MILK

Moo cows
In farmland
Like to be milked, but
Kick me when my hands are cold.

- Now write a Name Poem of at least four lines.
- Possible topics: tiger, school, buses, bully.
