

Practice Bridging Questions About A Summer's Reading

How to answer the question:

1. Read and understand the quote.
2. Think of how it can connect to the story and examples you can give to show the connection.
3. Write the main idea of the quote in a few words.
4. You can write your answer using the following format:

This quote connects to the story "A Summer's Reading because the quote talks about.....

This is like the story which talks about.....

For example,

In conclusion, there is a connection between the story and the quote because both of them are about.....

Practice Questions:

1. "There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions in life. So what? Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger, more self-confident and more successful." — Mark Victor Hansen
Make a connection between the above quote and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.
2. "At the beginning of the 20th century, most of the immigrants to the United States came from non-English speaking countries. They were hoping to achieve the American Dream. These immigrants had difficulties in adjusting to life in the U.S. Most of the immigrants settled in cities because that was where jobs could be found. As a result, the cities became overcrowded and the immigrants had very poor living conditions." – Adapted from The Progressive Era 1900-1929, the Library of Congress.
Make a connection between the above information and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.
3. "Many first generation Americans, like Bernard Malamud, valued education as a path to opportunity for themselves and their children." – From an interview for The Paris Review with Bernard Malamud
Make a connection between the above information and the story. Give information from the story to support your answer.

Possible answers

1. **This quote connects to the story "A Summer's Reading" because the quote talks about the fact that there will always be obstacles and challenges in life but we shouldn't let that stop us from becoming successful. This is like the story which talks about George who has many obstacles in his life. For example, he comes from a poor family. He quit school and doesn't have a job. He doesn't have a mother and he doesn't have a relationship with his father. Despite all these difficulties, Mr. Cattanzara helps George understand that he should take a step to improve his life by getting an education and he can start this by going to the library and reading books. He shouldn't lie to himself and to others but he should get started and do something with his life. In conclusion, there is a connection between the story and the quote because both of them are about taking a step to succeed in life even though you face obstacles and challenges.**

2, **This quote connects to the story "A Summer's Reading" because the quote talks about the fact that in the beginning of the 20th century there were many immigrants in the United States who lived in very bad conditions but hoped to achieve the American Dream of a good life. This is like the story which talks about George, who lives in a poor neighborhood full of immigrants in New York. He dreams of a successful life. For example, he wants a good job, money, a private house with a porch in a nice neighborhood- the American Dream. If he wants to be successful, however, he needs to do more than just dream. He needs to get an education. In conclusion, there is a connection between the story and the quote because both of them are about people who live in poor neighborhoods and dream of success and a better life.**

3. **This quote connects to the story "A Summer's Reading" because the quote talks about the fact that many immigrants (first generation) respected education and saw it as a way to getting more opportunities to succeed in life. This is like the story which talks about Mr. Cattanzara and the people in the neighborhood who are immigrants and respect education and reading. They understand that the way their children can succeed is by getting an education. This is why Mr. Cattanzara encourages George to read and why all the people in the neighborhood smile at George and respect him when they hear he is reading and trying to improve his education.**

In conclusion, there is a connection between the story and the quote because both of them are about appreciating education because it can be a path to opportunity and success in life.