

Unit 4

Name: _____

Date: _____

Reader's Notebook

Ready, Set,... Flop

Before Reading

1. List three different ways you can demonstrate perseverance.

Possible answers include:

Read a book from cover to cover.

Try to learn how to throw a ball properly.

Learn how to do a backward roll etc.

During Reading

1. Make a prediction about what this will happen in this selection.

Answers will vary.

2. What do you think about Jacob? Would you like him for a friend? Why or why not?

Possible answers include:

I think he is goofy, strange, determined.

I would like him for a friend because he is positive.

I would not like him for a friend because he is too positive.

3. What do you think about Jesse? Would you like him for a friend? Why or why not?

Possible answers include:

I think Jesse is a jerk, negative, thinks he is cool.

I would like him for a friend because he knows his own abilities and is sure of himself.

I would not like him for a friend because I think he would make fun of me when I do something wrong.

Read the rest of the selection and then answer the following questions.

1. Has your opinion of Jacob changed? How? Why?

Possible answers include: My opinion has changed because I now think that Jacob should be admired because he did not give up.

2. Has your opinion of Jesse changed? How? Why?

Possible answers include: I do not think he is a jerk anymore because he realized the importance of perseverance.

3. How are games important in the boys' friendship?

Possible answers include: Games is what ties the two boys together, it is what they have in common.

After Reading

Respond to each statement below by writing a few sentences that explain why you agree or disagree with each of the given statements.

1. You need a positive attitude to persevere in difficult situations. I agree/disagree because:

Possible answers include:

I agree because you need perseverance to ensure success.

I disagree because if you can't do something right the first time, why should you bother trying? Someone will always be better than me.

2. Having a goal in mind helps a person persevere. I agree/disagree because:

Possible answers include:

I agree because then you know what you are trying to accomplish, where you want to end up.

I disagree because I don't need to have a goal. Students should understand that a goal can be anything from getting up on time to reading a 300 page book to coming in first place in a race.

3. People fail because they give up too easily. I agree/disagree because:

Possible answers include:

I agree because I believe that if you keep working at something you will become successful.

I disagree because I work hard at things but I still fail I disagree because I am working as hard as I can and I still fail.

4. It is important to resist people who might prevent you from accomplishing your goals. I agree/disagree because:

Possible answers include:

I agree because they might convince you to give up instead of persevering.

I disagree because I think I can convince them to help me accomplish my goals.