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Invictus

Discussion Questions

1. a) In the movie, how does someone describe the difference between soccer and rugby?

b) Do you agree or disagree? Why?

2. On Nelson Mandela's first day as President of South Africa, why did he call a staff meeting?

3. What do you think is meant by the *Rainbow Nation*?

4. Define: **reconciliation**

5. Why do you think Mandela wants his bodyguards to smile when they push people away?

6. Before Mandela was president, who did many Black South Africans generally cheer for in international rugby matches?

7. a) What important decision did the National Sports Council make?

b) Why did Mandela overrule this decision?

8. When Mandela was imprisoned, he decided that before he could prevail against his enemy, he needed to do something first. What was it? How did he accomplish this?

9. Why did Nelson Mandela become so interested in the Springbok rugby team?

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10. In what ways are François Pienaar and Nelson Mandela similar?
11. What is François Pienaar's philosophy on leadership?
12. How does the rugby captain inspire his team to do their best and get them to be better than they think they can be?
13. In order to rebuild the nation of South Africa, what did Mandela feel that everyone must do?
14. Why is Chester so popular?
15. What do you think the following quote from the poem, *Invictus*, means?
I am the master of my fate
I am the captain of my soul.

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Answer the following questions in paragraph format.

What makes a good leader?

Over the next four years, how will you be an effective leader at Terry Fox?

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Venn Diagram

Canada

South Africa

