**Heat Test Study Guide**

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**Be prepared to identify the following characters AND explain why they are important. (2 pts each)**

1. Papi- Michael and Carlos’s dad. He dies and they are living alone in the city and Michael can’t find the birth certificate and can’t ask for help, because he would have to admit dad is dead.
2. Michael- main character, pitcher for the clippers, doesn’t have a birth certificate to prove his age, which means he can’t play until he can prove that he is 12.
3. Carlos- Michael’s older brother, he is 17. He is working 2 jobs to try to pay bills and keep family together, he scalps tickets to make more money, but is almost arrested.
4. Mr. Minaya- Michael’s coach. He is close to figuring out Michael’s secret. Father figure to Michael.
5. Mr. Gibbs- ACS man (children’s services- like a social worker), wants to meet Papi. So Michael and Manny come up with the plan for Uncle Timo to act as Papi. Eventually helps get Michael’s birth certificate AND offers to adopt Carlos and Michael until Carlos turns 18. (Paperwork will take longer to complete and Carlos will be 18)
6. Mrs. Cora- older lady that lives in their building. She is like a grandmother to them, helps to watch over them.
7. Ramon- purse thief in the beginning of the novel. He is the one who gets Carlos to scalp tickets. Ramon is arrested, because he has been in trouble before.
8. Manny- Michael’s best friend. Catcher for the clippers. He gets Uncle Timo to cover for Papi. Manny is the one who starts the ball rolling of getting the birth certificate by going to Ellie and telling her the truth about Michael’s situation.
9. Justin- “Justin the Jerk.” Pitcher for the Westchester South Giants. He and his dad are the ones who get the investigation started looking into Michael’s birth certificate. He is continually against Michael.
10. Ellie- El Grande’s daughter, Michael’s “girlfriend,” she gets her dad to help with Michael’s birth certificate.
11. El Grande- Pitcher for the Yankees. He is Michael’s idol or hero. He models his pitch after El Grande’s. He is main person responsible for finally getting Michael’s birth certificate.

**Short answer questions. Answer the following questions in *COMPLETE* sentences. Points will be taken off for not following directions. (4 pts. each)**

1. The story is told from what point of view? (Name it and tell whose it is.)

Third person limited, told by a narrator.

1. Who is Michael’s hero that he immolates and looks up to? Why does he look up to him so much?

El Grande. He is a pitcher from his favorite team and wants to be just like him.

1. Who are the official persons? Why do Michael and Carlos fear them so much?

ACS, people who work for the government, police officers, fireman, anyone with the power to turn Michael and Carlos in and have them separated.

1. Why is Michael benched from playing during playoffs?

He doesn’t have his birth certificate and can’t prove his age.

1. When Michael is benched he is asked to coach third base, what does he do to help his team?

We are losing by one towards the end of the game and our worst player is at bat. Michael gets Bobby to bunt the first 2 pitches, knowing that the third pitch will be an easy pitch. Bobby hits the third and gets runners home to win the game.

1. Why does Michael always refer to Yankee Stadium, which is really only a 100 yards from his home, as being “worlds away”? What does that mean?

Michael’s dream is to go to a Yankee’s game. He and Carlos cannot afford them. He associates going to a game with stability and “rich people.” Michael knows it might not happen for him. Even though it is literally close to him, it is FAR AWAY as far as getting to go in.

1. Why does Carlos get laid off from Hector’s? What does he decide to do instead? What happens?

Business is bad. They decide to cut their bus boys and the waitresses will pick up more duties in order to keep their jobs. He decides to scalp tickets for easier, quick money. He gets caught by the cops and is almost arrested. This is his first offense so they let him go with a warning.

1. Why is Michael’s age questioned? Do you think his race has anything to do with this?

His age is questioned because he is REALLY GOOD for his age. His race may have to do with the fact that he is questioned. People make assumptions about people based on their race and it is possible they ASSUME he is illegal, and maybe doesn’t have the right documents, and maybe can’t prove his age.

1. Do other people in the neighborhood or on Michael’s team suspect something about Michael and Carlos and their father? Name two of them. How can you tell they are suspicious?

Mr. Minaya- he continues to ask about his dad, and leaves a voice mail about tell your dad to call IF he comes back.

Mr. Gibbs- his dad isn’t around and he wants to meet him to prove that Papi is still here.

The League Men- they suspect his age isn’t what he says it is, but they don’t suspect anything about their dad.

**PLOT DIAGRAM (20 pts)**

Be able to complete a plot diagram for Heat**. CLIMAX: Michaels gets B.C. and can pitch again.**

**Meets Ellie and makes her mad.**

**Gibbs wants to meet Papi. They win the game.**

**Benched until they find his B.C. Play in finals in Yankee stadium**

**People question his age.**

**Michael is good.**

**We find out Michael and Mr. Gibbs “adopt” them. Michael**

**Carlos are alone and that and Carlos will stay together.**

**Papi is dead.**

**Essay Questions. (10 pts. each)**

**CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAYS TO WRITE ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER!**

**Keep in mind this is an ESSAY NOT SHORT ANSWER. Failure to write an essay will result in NO credit given for the question.**

1. Heat begins with a scene involving two exceptional athletes, Ramon and Michael. Compare and contrast the ways each of these boys utilizes his athletic gifts. How are they the same? Different?
2. We never meet Papi in this story, but we learn a lot about him from Carlos and Michael. Was he a good father? What evidence in the book lead you to this conclusion? Give examples from the book to support your opinion.
3. Mrs. Cora, Manny, Father Montoya, Uncle Time, and Mr. Ruiz all help Miguel and Carlos conceal their father’s death. Is withholding the truth different from lying? Did they do the right thing when they agreed to conceal Papi’s death?