**Red Kayak Test Study Guide**

**Chapters One-Four**

1. Why shouldn't Brady keep dwelling on the past?

It keeps him sad when he thinks about it, he needs to move on, he can’t change it so he needs to move on.

1. Where does Brady live?

Maryland

1. Why are Brady, JT., and Digger best friends? Why do you think Brady takes the role of "referee"?

They all live close to each other. Digger has a rough home life with bad temper, J.T. is a follower who doesn’t stand up for himself. Brady is the go between the two, he has a backbone.

1. What worries Brady about Mr. DiAngelo kayaking?

The river is rough and there is a storm rolling in. They just moved there and they don’t know the river and the bay very well.

1. Why is Digger angry with Mr. DiAngelo?

He just moved there and bought Digger’s grandpa’s farm. He is changing it and kicks them off the property.

1. Why does Brady fear something happened to one of his parents?

He gets picked up early from school and he didn’t know about it.

**Chapters Five­Nine**

1. Why is Brady scared when he finds Ben? Is his fear justified? How does he combat his fear?

He is cold, turning blue, and NOT BREATHING, barely has a pulse. His fear is justified because Ben is almost dead. Brady begins giving CPR.

1. What are the "ABCs" Brady learned at the fire station?

Airway, Breathing, Circulation. Learned it while hanging out with Carl at the firehouse.

1. Why does Brady feel as if a year has passed since he left home that morning?

A lot of huge events have happened in one day, it feels like such a LONG day. (finding Ben, CPR, etc)

1. Why did Mrs. DiAngelo and Ben take the kayak out on a bad day?

Ben wanted to go out on the river.

1. Why does Brady's mom take him out of school?

Ben has died and Mom wants to tell him so that he doesn’t hear it from someone else first.

**Chapters Ten-Twelve**

1. Why does Brady's mom ask Carl to talk to Brady? What advice does Carl give Brady?

Working as an EMT Carl sees a lot of bad, scary stuff. He has to deal with a lot and he tells Brady to not dwell on it, move on, there is nothing you can do about it now. You did your best and that’s all you can do.

1. What happens when Brady tries to check his crab pots?

he starts to think about Ben and all that has happened and he just can’t go back out on the water.

1. When did Brady's mom plant a butterfly garden? How it help her?

After his sister Amanda died. Keeps her mind off Amanda and she thinks that the butterflies are little souls of those who have left us.

**Chapters Thirteen-Fifteen**

1. What does Brady find behind the DiAngelos’ boathouse?

the drill, with red paint flecks on it.

1. Whose idea was it to drill holes in the DìAngelos’ canoe?

Originally it was Brady’s idea, but J.T. and Digger are the only ones who did it.

1. Whom does Brady first suspect had something to do with sinking the kayak?

Digger at first. He goes to see J.T. and realizes J.T. was involved too.

1. Where is J.T.'s father? How does J.T. plan to help him?

In the hospital. Give his kidney, he can’t do that, so he takes care of the farm for dad. Is basically the man of the house while dad is gone.

1. Why does Brady go to J.T.’s house? What happens?

To tell him about what Digger has done. He finds out J.T. was in on it too.

1. How does Digger react when Brady confronts him?

Argue and blames Brady since it was his “idea.”

1. What does Brady do with the drill? Why?

Puts it in a plastic bag and throws it in the river.

**Chapters Sixteen-Nineteen**

1. What "cruel thing" does Brady say to Digger? Why does he say it?

What if this was your brothers and sisters? Would you want to know the truth? He’s trying to get him to see his point of view.

1. Why is there a police car at Digger's house?

Brady thinks at first that they found out about the Kayak. Really, mom and dad got into it and the cops were called.

1. What does Auntie Janet give to Brady? Why is this object special?

A picture of Amanda. It is special because he has never seen one before. His parents have packed all memories of her away in the attic.

**Chapters Twenty-Twenty-two**

1. How does Brady justify what he does with the drill?

He is trying to protect himself (he doesn’t want blamed) and his friends. He is hoping they can go back to normal after this.

1. Does Brady's dad have a choice about joining the watermen's protest?

Yes. Dad chooses to sit out from the protest. He understands why the watermen are upset, but realizes that if they don’t change their ways the crabs will be extinct.

1. What does Brady's mom give him?

The key to Amanda’s chest in the attic.

1. What does Brady's dad say is wrong for the bay?

to keep crabbing the way they are because they will kill off all crabs.

1. What does Brady ask his father to do?

go get the red kayak.

1. Why doesn't Brady tell his dad the truth?

he is afraid of how his dad will react.

**Chapters Twenty-three-Twenty-five**

1. What ís the charge against J.T. and Digger?

Second degree murder

1. What does Brady remember Ben saying about Scar from The Lion King? What does Brady take this to mean?

“Scar wasn’t bad…. He was just being mean.” Digger and J.T. aren’t bad they just made one really bad decision.

**Chapters Twenty-six-Twenty-eight**

1. How do J.T. and Digger plead?

guilty

1. Who is not in court? How ís their opinion heard?

The DiAngelos. They represented by their lawyer and then their letter was read in court.

1. What are J.T.’S and Dígger's sentences? Do you agree with Brady's dad that the boys are lucky?

9 months in forestry camp. YES! They killed Ben, they could have gotten a lot harsher punishment.

1. Where do the DiAngelos move? What does Mrs. DìAngeIo take with her?

Virginia. She takes the butterfly garden.

1. What project will take Brady and Dad all winter to complete? What does Brady think they can do with the project when it's finished?

They are building a boat, named after his mom. They will take it out and cruise the bay.

**Essay Topics**

**5 paragraph essay. Be sure to elaborate and explain all your ideas fully.**

1. If you were Brady, would you have told the truth? Explain what you think is more important—doing the right thing or loyalty to friends. Why? Use specific examples from the novel and from your own life experiences.
2. What have you learned about making choices from reading the novel? Have you ever had a problem that didn’t have a good solution? What did you do? Use specific examples of choices made in the novel and how the characters dealt with them. You may also wish to use important decisions you have made in your own life.