

Prepare for the Hot Seat Discussion on our short story, p25 of Close Reader

HEARTBEAT by David Yoo

Setting:

Major Characters:

Minor Characters:

Plot/Problem:

Event 1

Event 2

Event 3

Outcome:

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Record your answers in your binder under READING sections. Date and title! You may use the questions and answers for discussion time.

1. Summarize Heartbeat's efforts to gain weight.

2. Sarah describes Heartbeat as "skinny". What is the denotation of the word?
(dictionary meaning)

What is the connotation of the word? (cultural or societal meaning)

List synonyms of skinny from the text:

3. How does Heartbeat think his classmates perceive him? Where do you see this in the story (line numbers)?

4. What is Heartbeat's interpretation of the way his classmates feel when they see him wearing extra layers? Where do you see this (line numbers)?

5. Reread lines 37 – 75. Explain how setting influences the main character and the events of the plot.

6. What is Dave's (Heartbeat's) interpretation of his classmates "subtle" change in attitude towards him on pp 26 -27? Cite evidence. (Do you know what subtle means? If not, look it up.)

7. Summarize the causes for Dave removing his layers of clothing at the party and the effects of his actions.

8. Describe *claustrophobic* in the context of the story. Why does the author use this word to describe why Dave sheds his layers?

9. Write a response that best states why Dave decides to stop wearing layers. Use specific evidence from the story.

10. Evaluate the meaning and effectiveness of the last line of the story, citing evidence and line numbers to support your position as to whether or not Dave has really changed.

11. Explain the theme- the Big Idea- or the So What? of the story.