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Your Life and Times

You are learning about Tiger’s family and her life. In what ways are you like Tiger? In what ways are you different? Below, compare your life to Tiger’s.

	Tiger	Me
Our hometowns		
Our families		
Our appearance		
Our clothing		
Our best friends		
What we do for fun		
Whom we admire		
Our talents		
To whom we turn for help		
What is important to us		

Test

Matching: Match each character in the box with his or her description.

Tiger	Lonnie	Granny
Jesse Wade	Corrina	Magnolia
Dorie Kay	Abbie Lynn	Mrs. Thompson

- _____ This person has difficulty reading words and numbers because they seem to dance around the page. However, this person is knowledgeable about nature.
- _____ This person is a great source of comfort to the main character and offers her good advice.
- _____ This person is the prettiest girl in Saitter. She is very popular and owns the only swimming pool in the town.
- _____ This person is sometimes embarrassed by her parents and torn between her enjoyment of sports and her wish to fit in with the other girls.
- _____ This person lives in Baton Rouge and seems very sophisticated and glamorous.
- _____ This person suffers brain damage at the age of six and is considered “slow” by the people of the town but has a lot of love to give.
- _____ This person is the main character’s best friend. His father owns a nursery.
- _____ This person helps the main character’s mother to get over her grief by giving her chores to do.
- _____ This person trusts the main character’s father when he warns about a storm and then follows his advice.

Sequence: Number these events in the order in which they occurs in the story.

- _____ Tiger’s grandmother dies.
- _____ Tiger visits Baton Rouge with Aunt Dorie Kay.
- _____ Jesse Wade tries to kiss Tiger.
- _____ Tiger tries to get Abbie Lynn’s attention at the church picnic.
- _____ Momma embarrasses Tiger at the bookmobile.
- _____ A hurricane strikes Saitter.

Paragraphs: Respond to the following two topics in paragraph form on the back of this piece of paper.

- In the course of this novel, Tiger goes through big changes and learns valuable lessons. Discuss what she learns and how this helps her to grow up.
- Tiger’s family is different from our usual picture of what a family should be. Explain some ways that it is different. Then describe what Tiger might say is important about being a family.