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Breathing Underwater Study Questions



1. What do you think Judge Lehman hopes to accomplish by making Nick keep a journal, detailing his relationship with Caitlin? How does keeping the journal differ from discussing the same incidents in Mario's class? Would simply keeping the journal without the class yield the same result? What about just attending the class?
2. Comparing himself to Tom, Nick says that Tom is a great guy. "But we'd all be great guys if we had his life." How do a person's circumstances affect the type of person they are? Can you think of circumstances about your own life which have changed the type of person you are?
3. At the beginning of the book, Tom has abandoned his longstanding friendship with Nick because of Nick's conduct toward Caitlin. Was this right? What, if any, are our obligations to our friends?

