1. *Tears of a Tiger* is told from the points of view of Andy’s friends. What is the purpose of telling the story from multiple characters’ point of view?

Answer: To hear the other characters thoughts. To know and understand how they are handling the issues in the book.

2. How does Robbie die in the car accident?

Answer: He gets pinned in the car and burns to death.

3. Why does Andy blame himself for his friend’s death?

Answer: He got the alcohol, got drunk, drove, and wrecked the car.

4. Why does B.J. blame himself for his friend’s death?

Answer: He wasn’t drinking and should have driven.

5. What is Rhonda’s most frightening moment?

Answer: Learning that kids her age can die.

6. List 3 consequences Andy has as a result of the car accident?

Answer: 1) DWI (or DUI) 2) 2 years probation 3) Suspended license until 21

7. What note did someone tape to Andy’s locker when he returned to school?

Answer: “Killer!”

8. How does Andy work out his emotions after Rob’s death?

Answer: By playing basketball.

9. More than a month after the accident, Andy is still having a difficult time coping with Rob’s death. What are some signs that Andy is struggling?

Answer: His stops doing homework, he has mood swings, he thinks about death often.

10. How does Rob’s death affect each of the young people individually and how does it affect their relationships as friends?

Answer: B.J. – Begins going back to church. Tyrone – Finally admits his feelings to Rhonda and they begin dating. Andy – Becomes depressed, focuses more on basketball. Becomes distant from his friends and lashes out.
11. Why did Andy and Keisha break up?

Answer: Keisha couldn’t handle the stress of her relationship with Andy. She was tired of his mood swings.

12. What happens when B.J. and Tyrone talk to the guidance counselor about Andy?

Answer: She tells them that he is already receiving help from a psychologist.

13. What does Andy say to the shrink so that he doesn’t have to come back anymore?

Answer: He lies and tells him that while he does still feel guilty, he is beginning to get better.

14. What event begins the rising action of the plot diagram?

Answer: When Andy tells the shrink that he almost jumped off a bridge.

15. Why does Andy leave the room during the class discussion about Lady Macbeth’s suicide? What are the similarities between his life and the play?

Answer: Because it is so similar to what he is going through. Macbeth killed his best friend and suffers from the guilt of it. Lady Macbeth committed suicide and he is severely depressed.

16. What does Rob’s mom say to Andy after she reads the letter he wrote her?

Answer: That they forgive him and she will treasure the letter forever.

17. At the end of the novel, what does Andy see himself doing in his future?

Answer: He doesn’t see a future for himself.

18. How do we know that Andy’s father is in denial?

Answer: He refuses to accept that there is something wrong with Andy. Whenever the teacher tells him something, Andy’s father has an excuse.

19. What is the effect of Monty’s final words to Andy in the last chapter?

Answer: To make the end of the novel sad so that you see how tragic Andy’s death is.

20. Explain the title of the novel. Why does the title have more than one meaning?

Answer: The school mascot is a Tiger and the tears symbolize Andy’s depression. Monty drew tears on his tiger in a drawing and compared the tiger to Andy. (One more below)
21. Many people have asked why Andy was allowed to die at the end of the novel. What would have been the effect on the novel if Andy had lived? How would it be different? The same?

Answer: This one is your opinion. As long as you answer all three questions and explain WHYB you think/feel that way, you’ll get the answer correct.