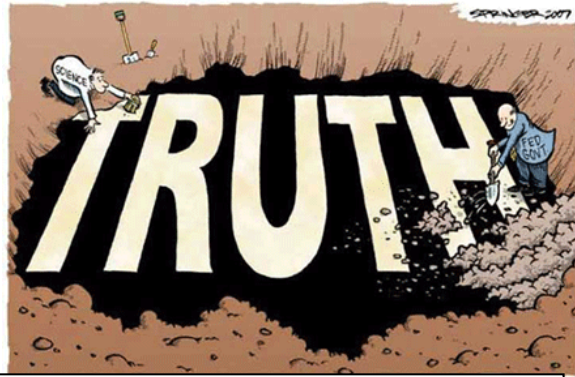


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THE CONTENDER by Robert
Lipsyte...Anticipation GUIDE



Directions: In anticipation of our reading of The Contender by Robert Lipsyte, please circle "true" or "false" to the following questions that deal with themes in the novel.

1. Only weak people give in easily to peer pressure

TRUE

FALSE

2. Kids who drop out of school are doomed to a life on the streets.

TRUE

FALSE

3. It is essential to have a passion in life (a hobby, sport, activity you love).

TRUE

FALSE

4. If someone threatens to beat me up if I don't compromise my values (do something I don't want to), I would rather compromise than get beaten up.

TRUE

FALSE

5. It is more important to make money at a job than to do something you love.

TRUE

FALSE

6. The only adult that has real influence on a teenager is the parent.

TRUE

FALSE

7. People who box (as a sport) are violent, angry or dangerous.

TRUE

FALSE

8. If you have to steal or rob because you're poor, it's justified or okay.

TRUE

FALSE

9. You should always stay loyal to a best friend, even if he/she is becoming a bad or dangerous influence on you.

TRUE

FALSE

10. Often kids get in to trouble or commit crimes if they are bored or have too much time on t heir hands.

TRUE

FALSE

11. If your parent or guardian wants you to quit your favorite activity or hobby, you should out of respect of their wishes.

TRUE

FALSE

12. The police have a lot of preconceived notions & prejudices about poor people and minorities.

TRUE

FALSE