

***Shelter by Harlan Coben***  
**Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Literacy**

**Journal Prompt Directions: Mandatory Assignment**

Complete **both** journal prompts. Each journal response must be a *minimum* of 200 words and must be answered in completion.

Journal prompts must be submitted to your 2019-2020 school year English teacher on day 2 of your first academic cycle. Each journal entry is worth (40) points. There will also be a mandatory (20) question multiple choice test on day 2 of your first academic cycle that will be worth (20) points. The combined journal prompt and multiple choice test grade will count as a test grade for first quarter and a late submission will result in a loss of (10) points per day.

1. Agent, the tattoo artist, tells Mickey, "Mickey...you are a protector. You look out for others. You are their shelter." How does this statement apply to Mickey's actions throughout the novel? Be sure to include his experiences with multiple characters.
2. Rewrite the final standoff of the novel from the perspective of **one** of the minor characters: Ema, Rachel, Spoon, or Uncle Myron. Be sure to include details from the original scene as well as dialogue in your journal entry.

**Study Guide: Optional Assignment**

The following study guide is an optional assignment. Students who complete it may earn up to (10) bonus points to be combined with the journal prompt and multiple choice test score. It should be submitted on day 2 of your first academic cycle to your English teacher with your two journal prompts.

**Ch. 1-14**

1. Who is the Bat Lady, and what does she tell Mickey when he first meets her?
2. Who is Ashley? How did Mickey meet her?
3. Why are Mickey and Uncle Myron going to Los Angeles?
4. Who is Spoon, and why do he and Mickey break into the school's guidance office?
5. What does Mrs. Kent tell Mickey about Ashley?
6. Explain Mickey's father's experience with the Bat Lady.
7. Why does Mickey take the bus from Kassleton to Newark?
8. Who watches Mickey from the sidelines during his pickup basketball game? How does Mickey react to this?
9. Where do Mickey and Myron find Mickey's mother?
10. Describe what Spoon and Mickey see on the surveillance video.
11. Explain what Mickey and Ema find in Bat Lady's garden.
12. What is the significance of A30432?
13. List three places Mickey finds the image of the butterfly with animal eyes on its wings.

**Ch. 15-27**

1. Explain the meaning of Mickey's dream in chapter 15.
2. Who was Lizzy Sobek?
3. How does Mickey react after finding out about Rachel's deception?

4. Explain how Rachel became involved with Ashley.
5. Why didn't Ema tell Mickey about her tattoo? What was her worry?
6. Explain the irony behind Myron's statement to Mickey that he "shouldn't lie" to Rachel.
7. What does Mickey do to bring cheerleader, popular girl Rachel and emo outcast Ema together?
8. Explain Antoine LeMaire's backstory.
9. Where is Buddy Ray keeping Ashley?
10. What did Mickey's dad say he learned from the Jets?
11. Based on earlier evidence in the story, what might be the conflicting history between Chief Taylor and Uncle Myron?
12. Who does Mickey realize was the paramedic with the "sandy hair and green eyes" who took his father away in the ambulance?

Helpful Vocabulary:

Words are in order of appearance

- Dilapidated
- Inane
- Patronizing
- Primordial
- Guileless
- Pensive
- Placard
- Adversary
- Sagely
- Mantra
- Chakra
- Epitaph
- Maniacal
- Condescension
- Pretense
- Opulent