*Tangerine Discussion Questions*

Part 2

*Monday, September 18*

1. What does Paul have in common with the tough students at Tangerine Middle School?
2. Why was Paul content to play backup goalie?
3. Why did Paul feel hopeful after his first day at Tangerine Middle School?

*Tuesday, September 19*

1. How did Paul handle Victor’s efforts to intimidate him? What might have happened if he chose a more aggressive response?
2. Why do Tino and Victor get in a fight during the soccer scrimmage?

*Wednesday, September 20*

1. Why was Joey disappointed in himself when Erik and Arthur teased him about his brother’s death?

*Friday, September 22*

1. Describe the game with Palmetto. Provide details about the game and the behavior of the two teams and their fans.
2. How did Victor let Paul know that he considered him part of the team?

*Saturday, September 23*

1. How did Erik’s father try to relieve the humiliation of the fake kick?

*Friday, September 29*

1. What happens with Mr. Donnelly and the Tangerine Times feature? Why might Shandra not want “publicity?”

*Tuesday, October 3*

1. Why did Tino become angry when Joey suggested they prepare the report on his computer?

*Thursday, October 5*

1. What memory was triggered when Paul watched the white cloud of the mosquito spray take over the back yard?

*Saturday, November 4*

1. How does Tino and Luis’ relationship as brothers compare to Paul and Erik’s?

*Friday, November 10*

1. Why are Paul’s teammates so impressed with the housing developments they passed on the way to Lake Windsor?
2. Why does Paul choose to ride the bus back to Tangerine Middle School after they played Lake Windsor’s team?

Everyone answers:

1. Do you think Paul’s mother should have “lost” the IEP paperwork? Why or why not?
2. Compare Joey’s perspective of Tangerine Middle School to Paul’s view using a Venn diagram.
3. Explain and draw a picture of how you turn a rough lemon tree into a different type of citrus tree.
4. Why does Paul believe he can “see” better than his parents?