

Answer Key

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Responses will vary. Possible responses are provided.

Key Statements or Phrases

- "He had to know"
- "Words. They gave him words."
- "as if he were dead as well"

Repeated Ideas

- Terry feels confused and embarrassed by his father.
- Terry keeps trying to find out, to understand.
- "You can't know. . . . You can't know this thing"
- "stop the morning," "stop the sun," "stop the dawn"

What the Main Character Learns

- Sometimes you have to keep going even if you don't want to.
- His father feels dead inside.
- He'll never really understand what it was like for his father.
- Just trying to understand helps.

Follow Up: Theme Statement: *(Possible Response)*

Trying to understand a problem is better than ignoring it, even if complete understanding is impossible.