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Discussion Questions for
Literacy Stations

Tiger Rising

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Share your answers with
your partner.

1. The Kentucky Star Motel, where Rob and his father live, has a sign in the shape of Kentucky. How did the motel get its name? Given the location of the story, why is this name odd? What is the significance of the star?
2. Throughout most of the story, how does Rob cope with things he can't change?
3. What makes the Threemonger brothers bully Rob? How does Rob deal with their threats and abuse?
4. Sistine, the new girl in school, was named after the Sistine Chapel. In what ways is she like or different from this famous landmark? What hope does she offer Rob, based on his knowledge of the Sistine Chapel itself?
5. How does whittling help Rob cope with life in Lister?
6. What do you think the rash is on Rob's legs? What do you think is the cure for his rash? What makes his rash worse?
7. Considering Rob's artistic talent and Sistine's name, what parallel has the author drawn between these two characters?
8. How does owning a tiger make Beauchamp feel? What is the significance of the tiger's cage for Sistine? Rob?
9. What are some of Rob's feelings that begin to surface with Sistine's help and friendship? How does Sistine help Rob deal with his grief?
10. What happens at the end of the story that allows Rob to "open the suitcase"?



Look up the meaning of these words, which are used in THE TIGER RISING:

➤ **emancipators, prophetess, aspire, symmetry, frescoes, contagious**

