

## ESSAY QUESTION FOR: **STOKED 1969**

Making connections in literature, as well as in life, is an important strategy for reading comprehension. In the novel, *Stoked – 1969*, Jake Edwards is faced with a choice that makes a big difference in his life. In an essay, describe Jake’s choice and its impact on his life. In addition, think of a time when you were faced with a choice that made a big difference in your life. Explain how that choice affected your life. Be sure to include background information on the choice you made, and a description of how and why you made your choice.

In this essay, you must:

- Describe a choice that Jake Edwards made in the novel and how that choice impacted his life.
- Describe a choice you’ve made in your life and how that choice affected your life. Explain what the choice was, how and why you made that choice, and how that choice impacted your life.
- Use 2 to 3 examples or details to support your answers.

Remember to proofread your written work. Check your writing for correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

### FORMAT FOR A FOUR-PARAGRAPH ESSAY

**INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:** Hook the reader with your thesis statement.

Include the title, author, setting (both time and place), and the genre. Steal from the question to inform the reader what your essay will discuss, describe, and explain.

**PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE BODY OF THE ESSAY:** Discuss the choice Jake Edwards makes in the novel and how that choice impacts his life. Give 2 to 3 supporting details from the text.

**PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE BODY OF THE ESSAY:** Describe a choice you’ve made in your life and how that choice affected your life. Explain what the choice was, how and why you made your choice, and how that choice impacted your life. Use 2 to 3 examples or details to support your answer.

**CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH:** Restate what you want the reader to remember. You can do this by restating or paraphrasing your thesis statement.