Bleachers

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*Please answer on a separate sheet of paper. Use complete sentences.*

***Friday***

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Vocabulary:

1. milling (194)
2. engulfed (199)
3. inevitable (200)
4. mammoth (202)
5. indelibly (208)

Questions:

1. Rake said he couldn’t wait to see Scotty in heaven. Why?
2. Who made a surprise appearance at the funeral? How did the crowd react to this person?
3. How does Neely remember Coach Rake at first?
4. What did Neely, and every other player, always want from Rake? How did Rake influence the way Neely dealt with his failures?
5. Why did Rake’s daughters leave Messina?
6. How did Rake finally say he felt about his players?
7. What are Rake’s two regrets?
8. Who were the three players asked to deliver eulogies?
9. What team did Mike Hillard play on? What reason does he give for all the people being at Rake’s funeral? (209-210)
10. Why is Collis Suggs a significant part of Spartan history?
11. In what ways does he say Coach Rake ensured that the intergration process was a smooth and fair transition? How did Messina’s efforts affect the rest of the state? Why were they able to do this?
12. What is Collis Suggs’s final plea to the town of Messina?
13. What does Neely finally do during his eulogy? How is Coach Rake always with him?
14. What did Rake make Neely promise him? Did Neely keep his promise?

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Questions:

1. What do you think is the purpose of this passage?

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Vocabulary:

1. raunchier (166)

Questions:

1. What does Neely promise Paul?
2. Where does Neely go after dropping Paul at home? (2 places) Why does he go to these places?
3. How is Neely different now? Give a quote.