

Ethan Marcus Stands Up

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think motivated Ethan to do Invention Day?
2. Do you agree with Ethan's feeling that Wesley was the one who wrote the secret note Ethan found in his locker? If you were Ethan, would you have asked Wesley about the note?
3. In Chapter 21, do you think Brian was telling the truth, or did he really miss the catch on purpose, even though he said he didn't?
4. What do you think is going on with Marlon?
5. In Chapter 22, what does Ms. Gilardi mean when she tells Wesley about the seagulls choosing to leave the water and go inland? What is she trying to say?
6. In Chapter 24, why do you think Erin told Ethan, "Of course I was right about you." Why do you think she said it in Spanish? Were you surprised Wesley offered to translate?
7. Could you make a desk-elevator? How would you make it?
8. Were you surprised at what happened during Invention Day, with Erin and Zoe, and Ethan and Brian?
9. Have you ever stood up for a cause you believed in, even if no one else was standing up with you?
10. If you could invent anything, what would it be?