Passage Info Sheet

Title: The Quarter

Word Count: 806

Lexile Level: 810-1000

Author's Purpose: E

Style: Fiction/Non Fiction/Poetry/Drama

Basis: Science/Social Studies/Fine Arts

Theme (Short): Connections

Theme (Message): The connections between loved ones continue even in memories.

Textual Evidence Supporting Theme:

"**NARRATOR**: Mom, Reese, and Raider are shopping at the local store. Reese brings up her great grandmother and a conversation they had before she passed away about how when they found a quarter they would know that she was with them."

Central Idea: The main character, Raider, uses the memory of his grandmother and the association of quarters to give him strength and hope during his baseball games.

Textual Evidence Supporting Central Idea:

"**RAIDER**: [*Ecstatic.*] MOM! MOM! LOOK, IT'S A QUARTER!
MOM: Wow, Gigi is here watching you today.
[*Raider put the quarter in the back pocket of his baseball pants.*]"

Inference #1: Raider would not have hit a homerun if he had not found a lucky quarter.

Inference #2: Raider and Reese would not view finding a quarter as lucky if the great grandmother were still alive.

Textual Evidence for Inference #1:

"[*Raider makes his way around the bases touching each one. His teammates surround home plate as he completes his trot home. As he rounds third base, he rubs his back pocket and points up to the sky.*]"

Textual Evidence for Inference #2:

"Reese brings up her great grandmother and a conversation they had before she passed away about how when they found a quarter they would know that she was with them."

Specialized Vocabulary: randomly, dinger, RBIs, defense

Plot or Structure: Starred Chronological Order