

# Out of Bounds by Fred Bowen

## Writing Prompts/Discussion Questions

Aligned with Common Core Reading Standards

Directions: Use details from the text to support ALL of your responses.

### Chapter 1 – 3

Describe Nate’s Aunt Lizzie. How is she different from Nate’s parents? How does Nate act around Aunt Lizzie? How does Nate react to Aunt Lizzie’s play when she purposely kicks the ball out of bounds?

### Chapter 4 – 6

Describe the Strikers as a team. Compare Nate and Sergio’s attitudes toward winning and competition. Describe Hunter and the other Monarchs. Compare them to Nate and his teammates.

### Chapter 7 – 9

Compare Nate and Aunt Lizzie’s attitude toward winning and competition. Lizzie tells Nate “You want to win, but you want to win the right way.” What does she mean by that? What is Nate’s reaction to her advice? How does Nate feel about rooting against the Monarchs?

### Chapter 10 – 12

Why do you think Nate kicks the ball out of bounds? What is Sergio’s reaction to the play? What is the Monarchs’ reaction? How does Nate feel about the play *after* the game? How is his feeling about the play changing? How does Aunt Lizzie’s soccer video affect Nate’s feeling about the play?

### Chapter 13 – 15

Sergio does not think that the Monarchs will try to win their game against the Devils. Why not? Hunter tells Nate, “We want to beat you not to cheat you.” What does Hunter mean by that? How does Hunter feel about Nate’s decision to kick the ball out of bounds?

### Chapter 16 -17

Nate says at the end of the book, “Things turned out all right.” What does he mean by that? What are the “things” he is talking about?

### Overall Question:

In just a few words, write down what this whole story is about (the overall theme or big idea). Explain your response.

### The Real Story (The nonfiction section at the end.)

How does the information in The Real Story relate to the theme or the plot of the whole story?