The Westing Game
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Student Study Guide
ANSWER ON YOUR OWN SHEET OF PAPER!

Chapter One--Sunset Towers
1. What was unusual about Sunset Towers?
2. Why was the delivery boy described as uncommon looking?
3. What was unusual about Barney Northrup?
4. What did Barney Northrup say that caused Jake to wonder?
5. Where was Sydelle Pulaski directing a suspicious stare?
6. Explain why Barney Northrup could be described as a very good salesman?
7. List the various types of people that would be the new tenants in Sunset Towers.

Chapter Two--Ghosts or Worse
1. Who was Sandy McSouthers?
2. What surprised Turtle Wexler about the Westing house?
3. Relate the story of the two "unfortunate fellows" from Westing town.
4. What does Chris notice through his binoculars?

Chapter Three--Tenants In and Out
1. Why caused Angela Wexler to utter a small cry?
2. Describe Mrs. Wexler's relationship with her two daughters.
3. According to Chris, what special talent did his brother Theo possess?
4. What was in the long package that Sydelle Pulaski carried into her apartment?

Chapter Four--The Corpse Found
1. Why was Doug Hoo stationed outside the Westing house?
2. Why did Turtle Wexler have her mother's silver cross in her pocket?
3. What did Turtle encounter upon entering the house?
4. Why had Turtle taken a billiard cue upstairs?
5. Why were sixteen people asked to go to the south library of the Westing mansion?

Chapter Five--Sixteen Heirs
1. Who was greeting the beneficiaries at the Westing home?
2. Why was Turtle startled when she looked in the coffin?
3. What is Denton Deere's diagnosis of Chris?
4. Why is Judge Ford surprised to see E.J. Plum in charge of the Westing estate?
5. What did the design on Sydelle Pulaski's dress remind Turtle of right at that moment?

Chapter Six--The Westing Will
1. When the will is first read, why are those present shocked to hear the words, "my sixteen nieces and nephews"?
2. What is the second important piece of information that is revealed during the reading of the will?
3. What must the potential beneficiaries do if they wish to "strike it rich"?
Chapter Seven--The Westing Game
1. What was the object of the game?
2. Why was Chris happy to be selected to play the game?
3. Why does Berthe Erica Crow shriek?
4. Why was Sandy so insistent that his partner, Judge Ford, play the game?

Chapter Eight--The Paired Heirs
1. What did the tenants of Sunset Towers awaken to the next morning?
2. How was Turtle Wexler able to profit from the storm?
3. What are many of the heirs apparent doing on this particular day?
4. What does J. J. Ford hope to do just once?
5. Why is Sydelle Pulaski upset when she discovers her shorthand notebook is missing?

Chapter Nine--Lost and Found
1. Why is Lost and Found a good name for this chapter?
2. What had somebody found in the third floor balcony.
3. What was happening at J. J. Ford's apartment that evening?
4. What does Turtle predict the next part of the will would read?
5. Why does Turtle think her mother is treating her so nicely for a change?
6. What information does Judge Ford uncover that indicates James Hoo would not have liked Samuel Westing?

Chapter Ten--The Long Party
1. Why was Grace Windsor Wexler on time for Judge Ford's party this evening when normally she would arrive late?
2. Why does Angela become upset when everyone continually asks about Denton?
3. Why was Chris watching legs from his wheelchair?
4. Why is Sydelle disappointed that Angela changed out of her clothes?
5. Why does Angela rush into Judge Ford's kitchen?

Chapter Eleven--The Meeting
1. What dilemma did the tenants face as they awoke on the third snowbound morning?
2. What was Alice's nickname?
3. What did Chris suddenly realize as he read the note on the elevator wall?
4. Why could no one read Sydelle Pulaski's shorthand?
5. What does Theo suggest to the tenants who have gathered in the coffee shop?

Chapter Twelve--The First Bomb
1. Describe the incident in the kitchen.
2. What does Turtle demand that Angela return to her immediately?
3. According to Judge Ford, who are the four people with Westing connections?
4. Why does Judge Ford's finger suddenly stop at the top of the list of detectives in the yellow pages?
Chapter Thirteen--The Second Bomb
1. What kind of timing device did the bomber use?
2. Who were the only people to order down?
3. Who is Mrs. Baumbach reminded of when she sees Angela?
4. According to Sydelle Pulaski why is Chris' disability an advantage?
5. What happened just as Otis Amber entered the restaurant?
6. According to the fireman why was it not unusual to have had two explosions within two days in the same building?
7. Where was the bomber planning to set the next bomb?

Chapter Fourteen--Pairs Repaired
1. Why did Angela search under the hoods of the cars in the parking lot?
2. Why did the doorman refuse to accept a tip from the judge?
3. Why was Alexander McSouthers fired from his job at the Westing factory?
4. Why did Grace open the window despite the cold draft?
5. Why were the tenants purchasing so many Westing Paper Products?

Chapter Fifteen--Fact and Gossip
1. Why were Turtle and Sandy dubious about the "murder" of Samuel Westing?
2. Why did Doug suspect that the murderer may have been a doctor?
3. Why is Judge Ford surprised at McSouthers' description of Mrs. Westing?
4. Flora, Judge Ford and Sandy notice a remarkable resemblance between Angela Wexler and what other person?

Chapter Sixteen--The Third Bomb
1. Describe what event is occurring at the beginning of this chapter.
2. Describe Angela's injuries.
3. Why did Otis Amber think that he should not be considered a suspect in the incident?
4. Who does Sydelle think the bomber is?
5. Who do you think the bomber is? Explain your choice.

Chapter Seventeen--Some Solutions
1. What indication is there that the heirs were jittery?
2. What were the two trading terms that Flora Baumbach had learned?
3. After reexamining their clues, whom do Grace and Mr. Hoo think is involved in the mystery?
4. What does Theo discover when he analyses his clue?

Chapter Eighteen--The Trackers
1. Why does Turtle think that it would be a good idea to call Flora Baumbach by another name?
2. Who was Rosalie and how did she die?
3. How is ammonium nitrate used?
4. What assignment does Theo give to Doug Hoo?
5. What letter does Otis Amber deliver to Doug?
6. What help does Denton hold out for Chris?
7. How does Chris feel at the prospect of being taken hostage by Doctor Deere?
Chapter Nineteen--Odd Relatives
1. How did Turtle defend the use of the radio in school?
2. Who does Otis Amber accuse of being responsible for the bombings?
3. To whom is Crow referring when she uses the term "foot butcher"?
4. How does Chris presume the blank envelope ended up in his bathrobe?
5. How does Judge Ford react when told by Sandy that Jake Wexler is a bookie?
6. How did the doorman react to what Judge Ford said?
7. According to the judge, what is Westing's first mistake?

Chapter Twenty--The Confessions
1. Why didn't Doug's feet hurt anymore?
2. Why was Theo in the hospital?
3. Why did George Theodorakis hesitate while telling the story of Violet Westing?
4. Who does Judge Ford believe must be protected and why?

Chapter Twenty-One--The Fourth Bomb
1. What does Theo want to borrow from Turtle?
2. What is Judge Ford's connection with the Westing family?
3. Why does Judge Ford think that Sam Westing paid for her education?
4. What was on the reverse side of the bomber's note?
5. What does Turtle confess to the judge?

Chapter Twenty-Two--Losers, Winners
1. Briefly describe the note posted in the elevator.
2. What is the significance of Turtle's comment that her mother would be upset if she knew who the real bomber was?
3. Which of the heirs does Judge Ford think may be Sam Westing's former wife?
4. Who does Judge Ford think was actually in the coffin?
5. Why would it be difficult to recognize Sam Westing now?

Chapter Twenty-Three--Strange Answers
1. What did Otis mean by the phrase, "The turtle's lost its tail"?
2. What did Turtle convince Angela not to do?
3. What did the heirs receive in their envelopes?
4. Why is Grace's voice thick and slurred?
5. What is meant by the expression, "to go on the wagon"?
6. Who did Denton Deere suggest could use plastic surgery?

Chapter Twenty-Four--Wrong All Wrong
1. Since they can no longer work as partners, what does Theo suggest the heirs do?
2. What was Denton Deere's diagnosis when Mr. Hoo claimed that the tea might be poisoned?
3. Which heir does Judge Ford believe is actually Sam Westing?
4. Using the clues provided, who does Sydelle Pulaski announce as the murderer?
5. What happens to Sandy towards the end of this chapter?
Chapter Twenty-Five--Westing's Wake
1. What does Denton Deere accuse Turtle of doing?
2. How does Turtle respond to his accusation?
3. What according to Judge Ford is the famous Westing trap?
4. Why does Judge Ford repeatedly call herself stupid?

Chapter Twenty-Six--Turtle's Trial
1. Who is the young lawyer in Judge Ford's court?
2. Why is everyone surprised when Otis Amber testifies?
3. Who hired Otis Amber?
4. What is a coronary thrombosis in layman's terms?
5. Why did Sandy's flask contain according to Turtle?
6. Judge Ford believed that Sam Westing had assumed two disguises. Identify his two disguises.

Chapter Twenty-Seven--A Happy Fourth
1. What announcement does Edgar Jennings Plum make?
2. What is to happen to Sunset Towers according to Westing's "last" document?
3. What is the significance of Turtle's statement, "Hurry up, Uncle Sam, I can't keep up this act much longer"?
4. Which heir wins and explain how they finally solve the puzzle?

Chapter Twenty-Eight--And Then . . .
1. Whose wedding is Turtle going to be late for if she doesn't hurry and make her move?
2. What did the members of the Good Salvation Soup kitchen do for this special occasion?
3. How did Judge Ford intend to repay her debt to Sam Westing?
4. Describe the changes in Angela's life.

Chapter Twenty-Nine--Five Years Pass
1. Why was Mr. Hoo almost happy?
2. What had happened to Denton Deere?
3. What good things had happened to Chris Theodorakis?
4. Who was the chess game master that T.R. Wexler had finally defeated?

Chapter Thirty--The End
1. Who is dying at the opening of the final chapter?
2. What had happened to Judge Ford?
3. Why did Turtle lie about Otis Amber?
4. What does Eastman know about Angela that surprises Turtle?
5. What is the irony of Jake Wexler's new position?