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FAST BREAK: By Mike Lupica

Directions: Read the statements below and decide whether YOU THINK they are **true** or **false**. There are no right or wrong answers. We will use your answers as the basis for a class discussion.

1. If I absolutely had to I could live on my own without an adult to support me financially.	
2. Stealing is wrong in every situation.	
3. If something terrible happened in my home life the adults at school would notice right away.	
4. If poor people work hard enough at something they can work their way out of poverty.	
5. A poor person can never truly be friends with a rich person because their life experiences are too different.	
6. You can love doing an activity so much that it can give you a sense of belonging.	
7. There is only way to play and get good at a sport.	
8. Duke has an extremely overrated men's college basketball team.	

Make a Prediction.

Directions: Think about the statements above, the article on Jamari Traylor that you read, and the title of the book (*Fast break*). Write a one sentence predication of what you think this book will be about.

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Fast Break Pages 1-25.

Directions: Answer the questions below as we read chapters 1-4.

1. What clues does the author give to let the reader know Jayson's financial status?
2. What type of friendship do Jayson and Tyrese have? Provide one piece of textual evidence to support your answer.
3. What qualities does Jayson feel you need to be successful at basketball?
4. How does Jayson feel about his mother? Use textual evidence to support your answer.
5. According to page 15 what has basketball given Jayson that no one or nothing else in his life has?
6. What does the last line on page 17 foreshadow that Jayson will do in the next chapter?
7. If you were in Jayson's position would you have done the same thing he did in chapter four? Why or why not?

