

Shinny Game Melted the Ice

A Short Story by Richard Wagamese

Comprehension Questions and Literary Connections

1. From whose point of view is the story told? List a couple of other points of view you would like to hear from in this story and state why?
2. In your own words describe the “damage” that was done to the narrator. Who else was affected by the wrong?
3. Why is it so hard for the narrator and his older brother Charles to build a relationship after 20 years? Think about what their lives were like as children and as adults.
4. The narrator says, “Nowadays I realize how much it [the shinny game] was like the development of our brotherhood. What does he mean by this statement?”