

### Questions for Personal Narrative Readings (Papa, Two Tix, Coaching)

“Papa was an American” Questions. Answer these on the same separate sheet of paper after reading and marking up the text.

1. What change did Buscaglia feel when he entered junior high school?
2. What did Buscaglia expect his father to do after the bullying?
3. Look at the last sentence. Why does the story end like this?
4. Give your own title to this personal narrative.
5. What word best describes Buscaglia’s father? What details from the text led you to this interpretation?

**“Two Tix to the Big Game”** Answer these on the same separate sheet of paper after reading and marking up the text.

1. What question did you have while reading this?
2. What does this story remind you of?
3. [stop @ col. 2] Which kid will "win" the ticket?
4. Why did father hide the ticket on the lid of the garbage container?
5. a. Which word best describes father? honest, wise, unfair, clever, chauvinistic  
b. Tell why by giving details from the text.

**“A Little Coaching”** Answer these on the same separate sheet of paper after reading and marking up the text.

1. What is puzzling about this article?
2. How does this remind you of your own racing or camping experience?
3. [stop @ col. 2] Will the speaker win the race?
4. a. What was Bronto's excuse for choosing the speaker to run the two-mile? What, do you suppose, is Bronto's *real* reason?  
b. "My legs were running a race against my brain and I was winning." What does that sentence mean?
5. a. Which word best describes the author? poetic, descriptive, wise, intellectual  
b. Tell why by giving details from the text.