

Sea Biscuit
Study Guide



"To tell you the truth, I wouldn't spend more than five dollars for the best horse in America." C.S. Howard

From the movie:

We never know how high we are
Till we are called to rise;
And then, if we are true to plan,
Our statures touch the skies.

The heroism we recite
Would be a daily thing,
Did not ourselves the cubits warp
For fear to be a king.

Emily Dickinson (1830–86).

"Though he be but little, he is
fierce." Shakespeare

"You don't throw away a whole life
just cause he's banged up a little."

Notes:

Use this column to write your ideas
about what's important as you
watch the movie.

Characters: (give some background on each)

Charles S. Howard (Jeff Bridges)

Red (Johnny) Pollard (Tobey Maguire)

Tom Smith (Chris Cooper)

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| | <p>Setting: Time:</p> <p>Social setting:</p> <p>Various places:</p> <p>Technology: Steam engine Cars (Model T)</p> <p>Themes:</p> |
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Connect the ideas/characters/setting or anything else to something you've read. In other words, this movie is like _____ because

Comparing characters:

How are the three main characters, Howard, Pollard, and Smith comparable?
The following table may help you generate ideas.

| | Howard | Pollard | Smith |
|---|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Background/family history/social status | | | |
| Dreams/desires/hopes | | | |
| Values/what's important | | | |
| Other: | | | |

