

# Big Brother's Jacket

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Ryan cheered as the game ended. He'd finally beaten his brother Wyatt in chess. Wyatt had taught him to play last year, and even though Wyatt was fifteen and Ryan was only nine, Ryan had been determined to beat him.



"Today's your day, I guess," Wyatt said.

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chine.

"Wear mine." Wyatt grabbed his jacket off the rack and handed it to Ryan. "It'll be a little big on you, but it will keep you warm enough."

"Thanks, Wyatt." Ryan put on the jacket, high fived Wyatt, and went outside to get his bike. After strapping on his helmet, he hopped on the bike. His leg brushed against the jacket pocket, and Ryan felt something inside it. He reached inside the pocket and pulled out a pack of cigarettes.

He stared wide-eyed at the cigarettes. He had no idea Wyatt smoked. This was something his mom should know about, but Ryan didn't want to get Wyatt in trouble. Ryan held the cigarettes and wondered what to do.

## Things to Discuss:

1. Should Ryan tell his mother what he found in Wyatt's pocket? Why or why not?
2. Should Ryan talk to Wyatt about the cigarettes he found in the pocket?
3. What should Ryan do with the cigarettes? Should he throw them out? Should he give them back to Wyatt? Should he do something else with them?
4. Do you think Wyatt will be upset with his brother? Why or why not?

# Teacher's Discussion Guide

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Read and discuss.

1. Should Ryan tell his mother what he found in Wyatt's pocket? Why or why not?

Yes, he should. Even though he has a close relationship with his brother, his mother or father needs to know if Wyatt is doing something unsafe and illegal.

2. Should Ryan talk to Wyatt about the cigarettes he found in the pocket?

Ryan and Wyatt's mother or father really need to deal with the situation. A parent should be the primary person to talk to Wyatt.



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3. What should Ryan do with the cigarettes? Should he throw them out? Should he give them back to Wyatt? Should he do something else with them?

He should probably give them to his mother or father.

4. Do you think Wyatt will be upset with his brother? Why or why not?

He might be upset and angry that he got caught. However, Ryan needs to use his judgment to make a good choice and let his mother know.

Hopefully Wyatt should realize that he's the one who has done something wrong and not blame Ryan.