“Amigo Brothers”

1. What is the narrator’s point of view in “Amigo Brothers”? Cite evidence to prove your answer.

2. Character Traits – Choose one of the main characters. Then using the list of character traits below, chose two (2) traits that your character illustrates. Use the graphic organizer below to help you determine evidence from the text that proves your character possesses those traits.

   Character’s Name ________________________________

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   Character Traits:  
   
   | Passionate | Loyal | Malicious | Competitive |
   | Determined | Committed | Athletic | Complacent |

3. Now explain how the text you quoted shows the implied character traits.
4. Exposition
A. Setting:

B. Conflict(s): Identify and describe the main external and internal conflicts in the story (person v. person, etc.).

5. Rising Action: List 3-4 events that occur before the climax.
A.

B.

C.

D.

6. Climax – What is the climax and how is it a turning point in the story?
7. Falling Action: List 2-3 events that occur after the climax.
A. 

B. 

C. 

8. Resolution: How has the conflict been resolved?

9. Theme: to determine the theme of “Amigo Brothers”, answer the following questions.

A. The word *amigo* means friend in Spanish. How is the title Amigo Brothers important to the story’s theme?

B. How does the main character(s) change?

C. What are the major conflicts?
Bong! Bong! Bong! The bell sounded over and over again. Felix and Antonio were past hearing. Their blows continued to pound on each other like hailstones.

Finally the referee and the two trainers pried Felix and Antonio apart. Cold water was poured over them to bring them back to their senses.

They looked around and then rushed toward each other. A cry of alarm surged through Tompkins Square Park. Was this a fight to the death instead of a boxing match?

The fear soon gave way to wave upon wave of cheering as the two amigos embraced.

No matter what the decision, they knew they would always be champions to each other.

Bong! Bong! Bong! “Ladies and Gentlemen. Señores and Señoras. The winner and representative to the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is ….”

The announcer turned to point to the winner and found himself alone. Arm in arm, the champions had already left the ring.
10. What is a theme of “Amigo Brothers?” Cite evidence from your previous answer or the text.

11. Explain how reading this story helps you to make connections to your own life and to others.

12. What can you do to make Reading 7 classroom discussions productive? Name at least four (4) things.

13. What are the areas you personally need to improve to become a better reader and thinker this year? List 2-3 specific areas.