"Raymond's Run" by Toni Cade Bambara
Writing About the Big Question
Is truth the same for everyone?

Big Question Vocabulary

bias	confirm	contradict	doubtful	evidence
factual	fantasy	illogical	investigate	objective
observation	opinion	persuade	prove	theory

A. *Use a word from the list above to complete each sentence.*

1. Just before a race, a runner sometimes has a _____ about winning effortlessly.

2. In a very close race, judges might be _____ about who had won.

3. If you make the _____ that someone runs every day, you might assume he or she is in training.

4. Diane's personal _____ about running is that it's more boring than golf, but I disagree.

B. *Follow the directions in responding to each of the items below. Answer in complete sentences.*

1. Describe two different times when the outcome of a contest was not obvious at first.

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2. Write two sentences explaining how the truth about the outcome of one of these contests was discovered or decided upon. Use at least two of the Big Question vocabulary words.

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C. *In "Raymond's Run," the narrator discovers that winning a race is not the most important thing in her life. Complete the sentence below. Then, write a short paragraph in which you elaborate on your statement and connect it to the Big Question.*

A person's view of other family members depends on _____

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