

#### CHARACTER ANALYSIS FOR THROUGH THE TUNNEL

The story Through the tunnel is about a boy named Jerry and is 11 years old. In this story a Jerry goes to the beach with his mother on vacation. Jerry is a boy who would do almost anything to become a friend with someone. In this story Jerry tries to impress these foreign boys by trying to swim through a tunnel.

Jerry's mother lets him do what he wants but she is aware of Jerry's need as Jerry is the same to his mother. Jerry is a calm and collected person he is not one who would raise his voice or yell. He likes to meet new friends and to Jerry this is the perfect opportunity. He would be most anyone's friend or buddy. Jerry is a person who likes to push himself to the limits and likes the challenge. With these qualities Jerry is easy to get along with.

When Jerry sees the foreign boys swimming and decides to ask them if he can swim with him. But Jerry realizes that the boys don't speak his language but tries to talk to them in French. Without no communication Jerry has to relay on body language and actions. When Jerry sees the boys swimming in the water below and the pop out on top of the rocks he decides to check it out and see what down there. He saw a black tunnel which was very dark and gloomy. As Jerry tries to swim through it, he becomes afraid and scared and decides to go back. As he came up for air he saw the boys snickering at him and Jerry decided he must do this to impress the boys and have them like him. Jerry is not one who asks people for gifts or money but to him this was very important. So he asked his mother to buy him some goggles so that he could swim.

After the boys would leave in the afternoon, Jerry would stay down there and work on his breathing and concentrating on going through the tunnel. When its Jerry's last day of vacation he says to himself that it is the last day to do this. To prepare himself he sat in front of the clock to see how long he could hold his breath. As Jerry went down to the sea to go through the tunnel. As he goes through it he has flashes of his life being threatened and himself drowning. When Jerry was going through he became light headed and blood was filling in his goggles. As he came up on his maximum breathing time he went over his time limit.

As Jerry comes out of the tunnel he realizes that he did not have as much self accomplishment as he thought he would. He realized that it was a door from

childhood to  
manhood. So overall Jerry noticed that he does not have to show off to others to  
impress  
himself.