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GREAT MINDS OF SCIENCE

Charles Drew

Another View

This book has a lot of information about the development of blood banks and the use of plasma to help in an emergency. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult, such as a librarian, to help you find another source of information about blood. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar, and why? How are they different, and why?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about blood transfusions and blood banks? Do you want to learn about new innovations and procedures that doctors are doing now? Write down one or two questions you may have. With an adult's help, find some reliable sources that you can use to answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Take a Stand

Chapter Four states that some people do not believe Dr. Drew received proper medical care after his car accident. While witnesses report seeing that the doctors did everything they could, some people claim white doctors often did not treat African Americans well. Write an essay stating whether or not you believe the doctors provided Dr. Drew with proper treatment. Use information from the book to help you.



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You Are There

Pretend you are a soldier wounded on the battlefield during World War II. A medic has just brought you plasma and tells you it will save your life. You have not heard about it before. Will you allow them to give you this plasma? How do you feel about being treated with something you have never heard of before? Be sure to add plenty of detail to your notes.



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