



Bayview High

Striking Distance Chapter 11: Breaking Point

Understanding the Text—Comprehension

1. Why do you think someone at the school resorted to making racist remarks about Alejandro? Why was what Alejandro found on his locker so distasteful?

2. How would you judge Alejandro's response to the racial slur? Why do you think he made the choice he did? (pp. 83-84)

3. How was Alejandro feeling about his entire student exchange experience? (p. 85) How would you feel if you were Alejandro?

4. Why do you think exchange students should be assigned to a student advisor? (p. 85)

5. Defend Alejandro's stance with Louanne. (pp. 86-89) Why do you think he held back telling her how he was feeling? (pp. 86-89)

6. Why was Alejandro prepared to take matters into his own hands? What stopped him? What do you think might have happened if he had followed through? (pp. 88-89)
