

# The Theodore Boone Files 3:

## THEO IN DEPTH

Theo is only 13 and his career as a lawyer might seem a long way off, but he has a plan for getting there. It often seems that he already has what it takes to be a good lawyer. After reading one or more of the books, you will be able to discover and discuss what it is about Theo that makes him likely to succeed and what might be hard for him.

### Talking points

What have you noticed about:

#### 1. Theo's home life

- What does being an only child mean for him?
- What does having two very busy high-achieving parents mean for him?
- How does the family organise itself?
- Do his parents treat him like a child?

#### 2. Theo's friendships

- Who are the most important people in Theo's life, besides his parents?
- What do the following people offer Theo in his life: April, Chase, Ike, Elsa.

#### 3. Theo's school life

- What does Theo learn at school that will help him in his future as a lawyer?
- How important is it to him to succeed at school?
- How does he feel about his schoolwork?
- How do his teachers support him? Give examples from any of the books that you have read.

#### 4. Theo's beliefs and role models

- What does Theo learn about the law from (a) his mother, (b) his father, (c) Ike, (d) Judge Gantry, (e) Judge Yeck?
- Would Theo break the law or work outside the law to get the result that he believes to be right?
- What skills or abilities does Theo have already that will be useful in any career?
- What spare time activities does he take part in and how do they make him a better lawyer?

### Activity

- Add more information to the illustrated file that you have created on Theo.
- Write Theo a reference for an internship with a top law firm that he would like to work for before he goes to law school. State why they need to employ him.

