Questions for ***Salt in His Shoes***

**Beginning of the Book**:

What makes someone great? Is it a natural ability that we are born with? Is success more the result of natural talent or is it a result of hard work and dedication?

What do you think truly makes someone willing to persevere through obstacles that make others quit? Do you think that the ability to persevere comes from the desire to achieve the goal or does it come because you truly love the activity that you are engaged in?

**Middle of the Book:**

What does Michael think will make him better at basketball at the beginning of the book? Does height make a basketball player great? Do you know athletes with great talent who are not that good? Do you know students with great academic ability who do not perform that well in school?

Do you think his Michael’s mom’s advice will work? Do you think a lot of us are like Michael and think, dream and pray for changes in our bodies that will make us great?

What does Michael’s dad say that changes his mind about giving up? Does Michael’s dad’s advice change his *mindset*? Does Michael change his views on what makes a player great? Explain.

**After the Book:**

Did Michael have natural ability? Did that alone enable him to be great? What did Michael Jordan do to become so great? Did Michael Jordan practice so hard because he wanted to be a pro basketball player or did he practice so hard because he loved the game? Do we practice really hard at things that we hate? Does your passion for the goal, how much you want the goal mean more than how much your love the activity? Could Michael Jordan have gotten to where he did, if he did not love basketball? Would he have been willing to practice so hard.