

The Most Important Concert
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Page 1: The most important concert for Jimmy Joe is coming up. He's practicing his trombone every chance he gets. Every lunch break Jimmy Joe was in the music room practicing. This is his first concert where he is the solo trombone player in the school band, so he's been nervous and practicing multiple parts of the songs for the Christmas songs the band was going to play. It was his job to play the important parts of the songs meaning he'd have to flip through the sheet music while playing.

Page 2: Jimmy Joe opens his sheet music and put his trombone together. As he puts his trombone to his lips he hears the door creak open. He puts his trombone down and turns to see who it is because no one besides him comes into the music room during lunch but him. As soon as he sees his English teacher, Ms. Melons, and his heart drops.

Jimmy Joe's thoughts: She's probably here to collect my homework because grades are due soon.

Ms. Melons: We have to talk about...

Jimmy Joe: It's about the Catcher in the Rye reading assignments, right? Grades are almost due, and...

Ms. Melons hands Jimmy Joe clean copies of the chapter questions and a copy of The Catcher in the Rye.

Ms. Melons: I'm giving you a second chance since you were helping my daughter out when the assignments.

Jimmy Joe: Was she able to get her work done?

Ms. Melons: I helped her through it. If you need my help I'll be available after school. But I need my grades in by Thursday at the latest.

Jimmy Joe: I can get it done. Thanks for the opportunity.

Page 3: As Ms. Melons leaves the room Jimmy Joe starts hyperventilating. He shakily takes apart his trombone and collects his music sheets.

Jimmy Joe's thoughts: Great, now I have to get all of this down and still find a way to practice my trombone and find a way to read a book I don't even like while finding questions in it that don't even matter.

Jimmy Joe collects all of his things and rushes out of the music room running right into Billy Door.

Page 4: Jimmy Joe recovers quickly. His things have fallen out of his open backpack. They scatter everywhere. Billy gets up and starts helping Jimmy Joe collect his things.

Billy: Are you having trouble with *The Catcher in the Rye*? I could help you with it if you want.

Jimmy Joe: That would help a lot.

Billy: Is there something else on your mind?

Jimmy Joe: I don't have time for these assignments. This is now due a day before the concert, and I'm not prepared for the concert.

Page 5: Billy: How can you say that? You are a good trombone. Let's go to the library and we can talk about it.

The boys walk off towards the library, and find a nice, quiet place in the back. Jimmy Joe takes his homework out.

Billy: So why are you so worried about this concert?

Jimmy Joe: This is the first concert where I'm the only trombone player, and I have to play three different parts. During the concert I'll be flipping through sheet music.

Billy: That seems like a lot to go through. Why is Mr. Charles making you do this?

Jimmy Joe: I want to do this. I want to challenge myself, but I keep messing up between a few pages.