



### JOURNAL OR WRITER'S NOTEBOOK PROMPT IDEAS:

- Put yourself in Victor's shoes. What would you do differently? The same? Why do you feel this way?
- Put yourself in Bull's shoes. What would you do differently? The same? Why do you feel this way?
- Describe the part in Cracked that made the most impact on you. Why do you think it had such an impact on you?
- At what point in Cracked do you feel Bull grows as a human being? What makes you think that?
- At what point in Cracked do you feel Victor grows as a human being? What makes you think that?
- Write one prediction you made as you read and reflect on it. Did it happen? Not happen? What really happened in Cracked? How did making the prediction and reflecting on it help you to understand the book better?
- Write a letter to Victor or Bull as if he were your best friend.
- Describe the most courageous part of Cracked. Explain it in detail. Why do you feel it is the most courageous part of the book?
- Make a connection between Cracked and your own life, another story, or something in the world. Write about this connection in detail – describe the connection and why it is so significant. How did making that connection help you to understand the book better?
- Write instructions on how to be courageous. Use details from Cracked to help you.
- Write about a time when you faced a challenge and how you dealt with it.
- Which characters in Cracked took a risk for something they believed in? Why did they take these risks?
- How do Bull and Victor show courage? Choose TWO experiences and explain how they are examples of courage.
- Make a compare/contrast chart or Venn diagram comparing/contrasting Bull and Victor. How are they alike? How are they different?
- Choose a scene from Cracked and rewrite it as a film script.

- Make a collage of images and words to represent the main idea of Cracked OR one of the characters.
- Write an interview between you and one of the characters from Cracked about their courageous experience. Be sure to use details from the book!
- Write a news bulletin about a major event in Cracked. Be sure to include all of the necessary details – Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- Draw a portrait of one of the main characters from Cracked. Make your drawing based on the character’s descriptions written by the author. Label your drawing with key “things” or descriptions that apply to the character.
- Write a detailed summary of your favorite part of Cracked so far. Explain why it is your favorite part.
- Think of an experience in your life when you showed/displayed courage. How did you feel when you finally reached your goal? How is this similar to a character(s) in Cracked?
- The characters’ feelings often change throughout Cracked, especially when they faced challenges. Make a chart to show how the character’s feelings changed from the beginning, to the middle, and then finally in the end. Be sure to explain why the change happened each time.
- Select your favorite part of Cracked so far. Go back and reread it. Now, rewrite the scene but change something about it – the characters involved, the setting, the problem, the outcome. Or rewrite the scene from the point of view of another character in the story.
- Choose someone you think is courageous, such as a friend, family member, or public figure. Brainstorm a list of adjectives to describe the person. Using your brainstormed list, describe the person in a collage with pictures, words, and/or phrases.
- Choose three adjectives that describe a courageous person and write a paragraph or poem explaining courage.
- Write a poem about an event or feeling you have experienced relating to courage. Start by making a list.
- Write a letter *from* one of the main characters *to* yourself as if you are friends. The letter can ask for advice or tell about a problem or experience.