

*Summer Reading Package  
Cycle 2, Years 1, 2 & 3  
2010-2011*

**Tuesdays with Morrie**  
*By Mitch Albom*

**“The Curriculum”**

How is life like a classroom?

Describe a moment in your own life when you learned something meaningful outside the classroom.

**“The Syllabus”**

What is wrong with Morrie?

Look up some information on his condition, and take some notes on the key points you have found.

**“The Student”**

Describe Mitch Albom’s life.

How did he come to be reunited with Morrie?

Describe a life changing moment for you.

**“The Audiovisual”**

Choose one of Morrie’s aphorisms (bite-sized philosophies) and explain how you can apply it to your own life.

**“The Orientation”**

Write about a good teacher you had. Explain what made him or her exceptional.

**“The Classroom”**

According to Morrie, what should we be teaching in the classroom called “life?” Do you agree with him?

Reflect on Morrie's comment, "Dying...is only one thing to be sad over, Mitch. Living unhappily is something else" (35).

Time yourself. Take two minutes to list all the things that make you happy.

What do you think of the following statement? "Life is a series of pulls back and forth. You want to do one thing, but you are bound to do something else. Something hurts you, yet you know it shouldn't. You take certain things for granted, even when you know you should never take anything for granted" (40).

### **"Taking Attendance"**

"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning"(43).

What do you think about Morrie's statement? How can you apply it to yourself? How can such a statement change the world?

### **"The First Tuesday"**

Pick a quote and explain why you find it to be helpful.

### **"The Second Tuesday"**

In what ways do you agree or disagree with Morrie's perspective on self-pity?

### **"The Third Tuesday"**

What do *you* regret?

### **"The Fourth Tuesday"**

"Learn how to die, and you learn how to live"(82). What does this statement mean?

### **“The Fifth Tuesday”**

According to Morrie, why is family important?

In what ways is your family important to you?

### **“The Sixth Tuesday,” “The Seventh Tuesday,” “The Eighth Tuesday,” “The Ninth Tuesday” and “The Tenth Tuesday”**

Pick one quote or concept from each of these chapters to reflect on or to discuss. (five altogether)

### **“The Eleventh Tuesday”**

What does Morrie mean by, “People are only mean when they’re threatened...and that’s what our culture does”(154). How is this statement true, or not true?

In the book, what was the purpose of the O.J. Simpson trial and other mentions of news stories?

### **“The Twelfth Tuesday”**

How can you apply Morrie’s concept of forgiveness to yourself?

### **“The Thirteenth Tuesday”**

According to Morrie, how are we different from plants and animals? Do you agree with him? Explain why or why not.

What is a perfect day for *you*?

### **“The Fourteenth Tuesday”**

Respond to this closing scene between Mitch and Morrie.

### **“Graduation”**

How was Algom’s graduation unlike a typical graduation?

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## **“Conclusion” and “Afterword”**

What lessons did Mitch and Morrie ultimately teach *you*?

If you had to choose three lessons you want to remember from this book, what would they be?