The Westing Game

Chapters 25-30

1. How does Theo know that it was Sandy who was playing chess with him? Why is that surprising?
2. How does the judge figure out that Sandy was Sam Westing?
3. Why did Sam Westing put “Happy Fourth of July” into the will when it is only November?
4. How does the clue “It is not what you have, it is what you do not have that counts” help to solve the mystery?
5. Who hired Otis and why?
6. What does Turtle finally realize about the meaning of the statement that the “heir who wins the windfall will be the one who finds the fourth”?
7. Did Sam Westing and Sandy McSouthers die? How do you explain that the coroner determined both to have died of heart attacks?
8. What happens to the Westing house? Sunset Towers?
9. Where does Turtle go every Saturday?
10. Who gets married first? Who marries later?
11. Who do you think makes the best use of his/her inheritance money?
12. How does Turtle lie to 85-year old Juliam Eastman about Crow and Otis, and Mr. Hoo? Why? Do you think she should have told the truth?
13. Why do Turtle and Theo decide not to have children? Why do you think that detail was included?
14. Who is Alice? How is she like Turtle? How much time do you think has passed since the beginning of the story?
15. Are you satisfied with how all of the characters ended up? Is there anything you would have changed? Do you have unanswered questions about the story or any of the characters?