***Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* by Chris Crutcher**

Some Final Thoughts Name:_____

THEME

During CAT (Contemporary American Thought) class, Lemry takes a great many risks with the topics she allows the students to discuss. Some may say that she does not protect the students from hurting one another. However, at the end of the novel, Lemry has a revelation. What does Lemry mean when she says, "I'll fight to the death to keep the things I'm worried about from happening" (p. 264)?

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Hero: one that shows great courage

Vigilante: a member of a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily (as when the processes of law are viewed as inadequate)

Read the two definitions above. Some say Carver is the hero of the story and others say he was acting as a vigilante. What is your opinion***? Use evidence from the text*** to support your answer in no less than one paragraph (6-8 sentences).

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