

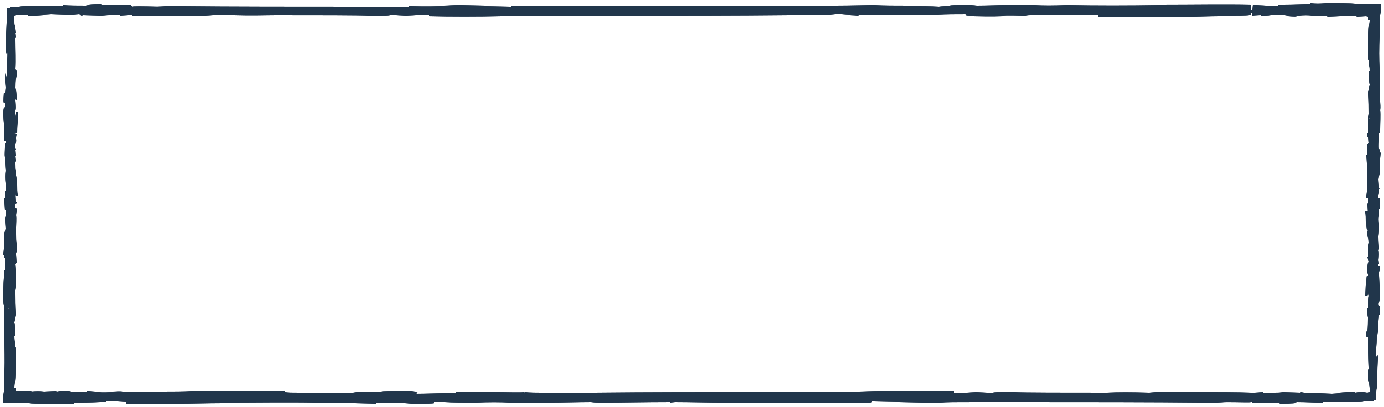
Chapter 14



1. What is your first reaction to Joe’s story? Document your first reaction by writing down 2-3 sentences!

* I was shocked how Joe was treated over the years.
* I could not believe that something like this is really happening I feel sorry for Joe because no one ever gave him a chance it is good to see that Joe never loses hope.

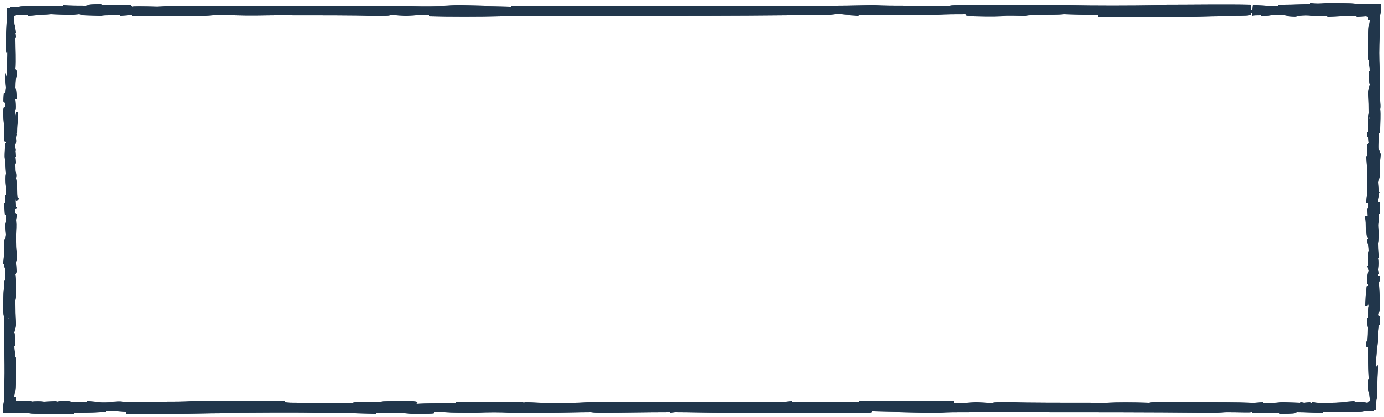
1. Describe the character of Joe Sullivan by using the questions below.



**Who is Joe Sullivan and where is he from?**

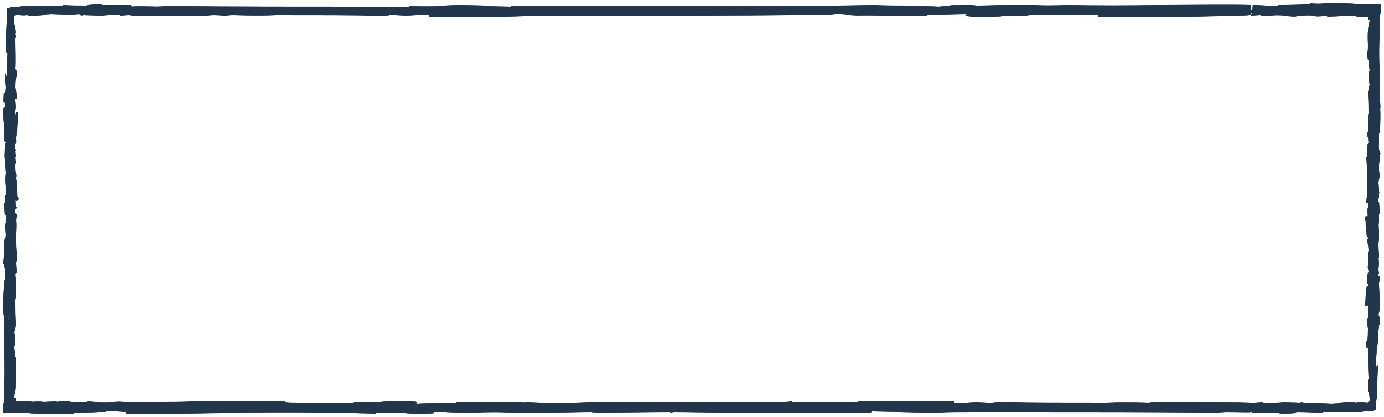
* + African American with curly hair (p. 256-257)
  + Pensicola; Florida (p. 256)
  + was convinced by his friends to break into a house (p. 257)
  + has mental disabilities and can only read at a first-grade level (p. 258)





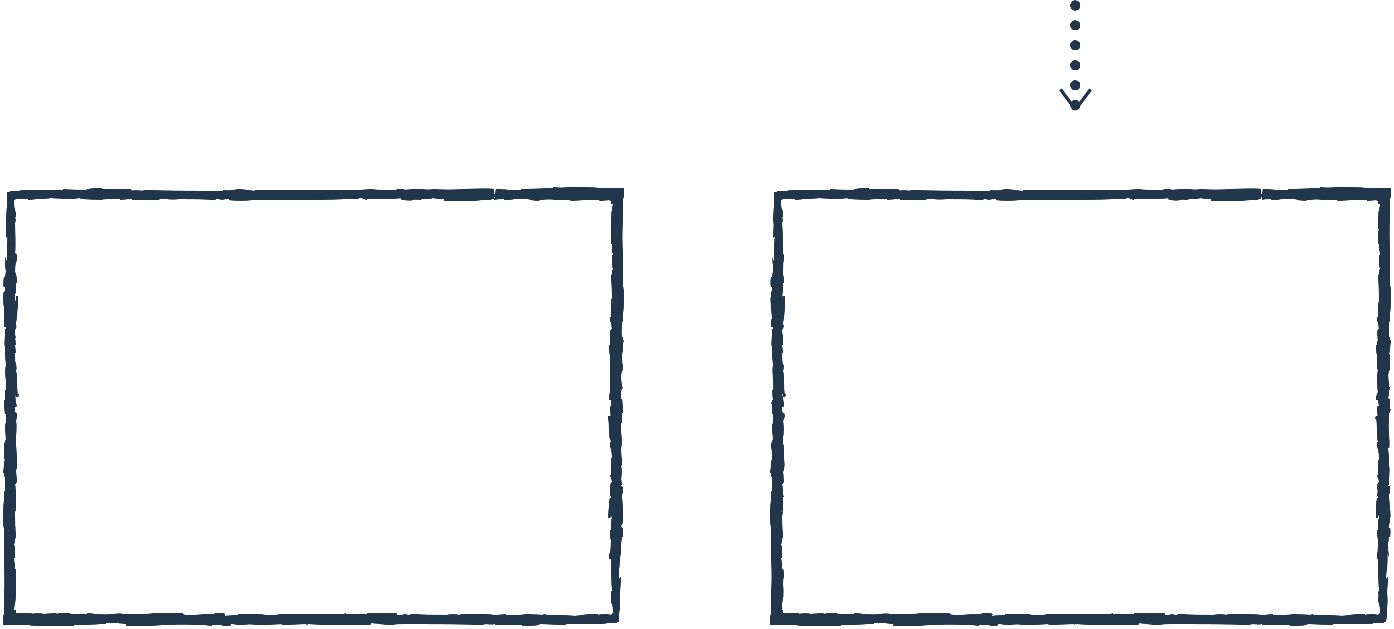
**How did he grow up?**

* + had experienced physical abuse by his father (p. 258)
  + had suffered severe neglect (p. 258)
  + his family has desintegrated into "abuse and chaos" (p. 258)
  + had no stable home (p. 258)
  + spent most of his time on the streets (p. 258)

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**Why is Joe imprisoned?**

* was convinced by his friends to break into an empty house (p. 256)
* a woman who was sexually assaulted in her home and described the perpetrator as "dark colored boy" with "curly type hair" (p. 256)
* was accused by his friend of the sexual battery (p. 256)
* admitted helping the others with the burglary but denied sexual assault (p. 257)
* Police destroyed the fluid and blood they collected (p. 257) to not present it in court (p. 257)



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**At what age was he**

**imprisoned?**

* at the age of 13

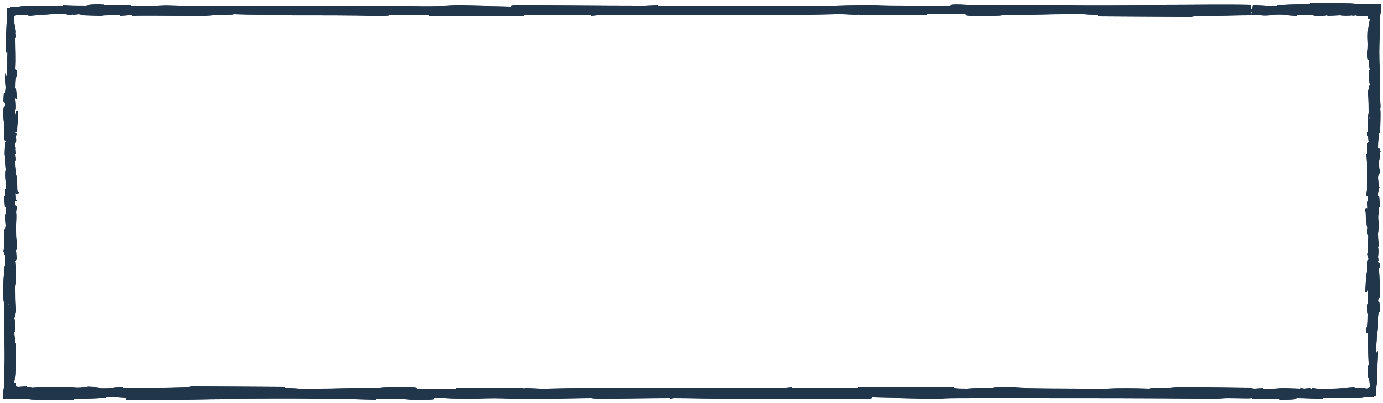
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**How long is he imprisoned?**

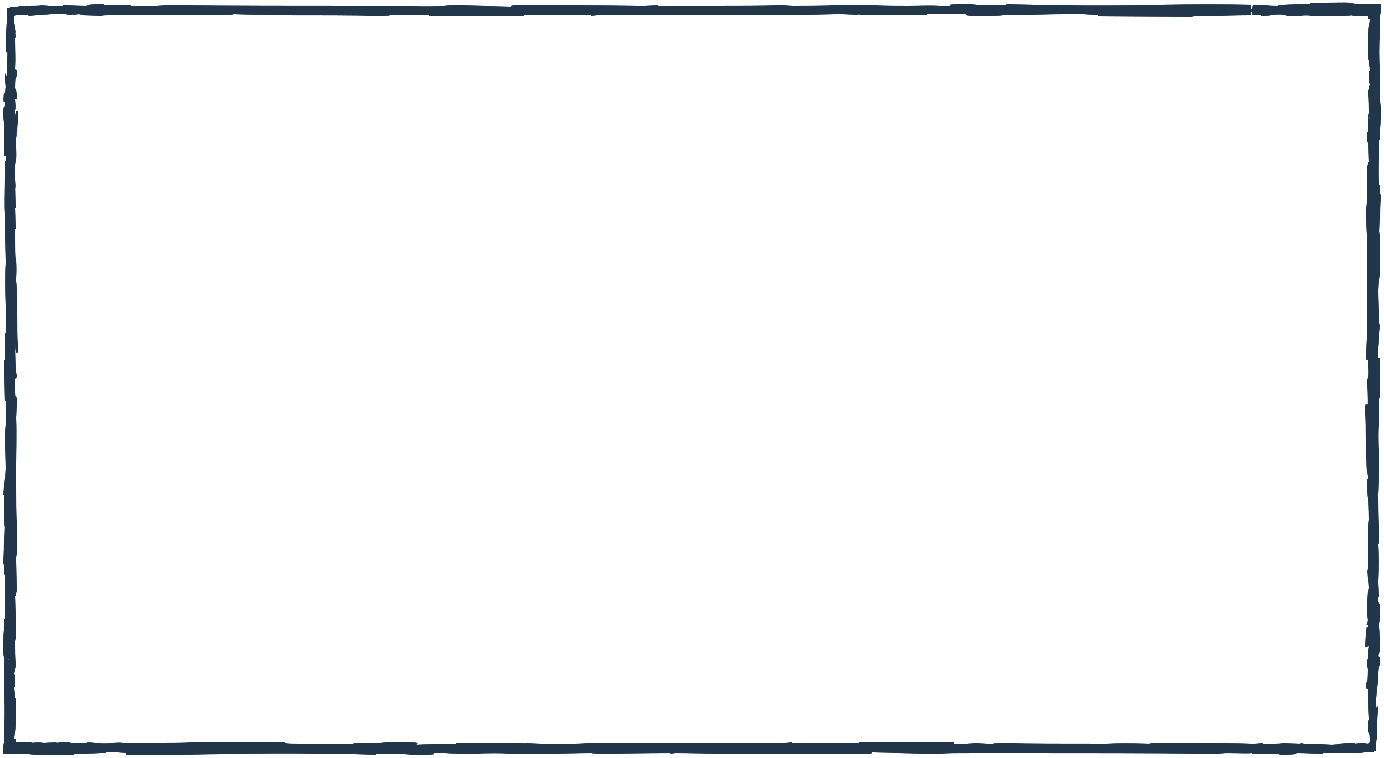
* life imprisonment without the possibility of parole (p. 258)





**What happens to him in prison?**

* was repeatedly raped and sexually assaulted (p. 259)
* attempted suicide several times (p. 259)
* developed multiple sclerosis triggered by trauma in prison (p. 259)
* is moved with higher security protocols because he is a "lifer" (p. 262)

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**How does Joe react to Bryan Stevenson’s visit?**

* claps his hands giddily (p. 262)
* is happy that Bryan Stevenson visits him
* smiling and very polite despite what happened a few minutes ago
* (p. 262)
* prepared questions for him (p. 263)
* wants to be a reporter (p. 263)
* looking forward for Bryan Stevenson's answers (p.263)
* enthusiastic and excited (p. 263)