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 **I. Close Reading Activity: Nonfiction  
“Daniel ‘Rudy’ Ruettiger, Notre Dame’s Famous Walk-On: The True Story”**by Dan Scofield

Directions: Read the article on your own, circling any words you do not know or are unfamiliar with. Then, write those words in the space below. Then, answer the following questions:

**Comprehension & Critical Thinking Questions:**

1. Explain what Rudy’s household was like growing up. How could Rudy’s home life have been an obstacle to him achieving his dreams?

2. What made Rudy want to attend and play football at Notre Dame University?

3. Why did Rudy often hear negativity about his dreams to play football for Notre Dame?

4. Aside from his physical limitations, what other limitation led to his academic struggles?

5. In what ways did Rudy demonstrate perseverance to achieve his goals, despite the obstacles he faced? Be specific.

6. How is Rudy’s story a demonstration of the idea that achieving success is a very personal experience? How was Rudy’s idea of success as a young man different from perhaps, an aspiring NFL quarterback’s? An aspiring lawyer’s? An aspiring musician’s?