

Control Freaks

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Telling A Story Through Songs

This collection of songs explores all aspects of the book *Control Freaks*. This includes songs about characters, the challenges they complete in hopes to win the golden B-B trophy, and the overall themes of togetherness and friendship seen throughout the book! Click on the title to listen to the song and experience the book!

Doug



Roar

Doug is such a determined character and we picked this song to represent that. Throughout the book he has his heart set on winning and is eager to take on any challenge he has to face. He is gonna let them hear him roar!

Huey



Do You Believe In Magic?

Huey is a “Magical” character, someone Doug constantly relies on, whether he’s conscious of it or not. What better way to describe him than showing off his magician side than a cheery song that shines on his moment of glory and his hobby?

T.W. (Doug's Brother)



Under Pressure

T.W. is under constant pressure to write his college admissions essay throughout the book. So much so that he is willing to compromise his integrity to do so.

Challenge #1

The Name Game



This challenge holds strong resemblance to this song, introducing each other and putting names to faces.

Challenge #2



Fly Like An Eagle

In the second challenge the kids are tasked with having to build a contraption that gets a balloon from one side of the lake to the other. Our loveable misfits end up building a catapult that sends their balloons flying through the air to the other side.

Challenge #3



Stuff Is Way

In this mission, the kids are forced to unscramble words to complete their challenge; in these types of challenges, it's hard to make sense of the words and it's best to let your creativity take reign.

Challenge #4



Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger

In this challenge the teams have to find a mistake in a piece of code in order to get the password to unlock a locked door. This song is just as technological as the code they are trying to decrypt.

Challenge #5



Eye Of The Tiger

Working hard towards a goal is something a lot of people do in their life, and while these kids are doing so, they face a more physically demanding challenge. Eye of the Tiger is a great song that captures their journey through this challenge.

Challenge #6



Golden Hour

In this challenge our favorite team has to come up with a creative way to present a science/math topic. It is their own “Golden Hour” to shine and show the school what they’ve learned.

“Togetherness”



You've Got A Friend In Me

At the end of the day, it's important to realize the message of this book. Despite the characters' differences and disagreements, they worked together and ended their journey as friends.