

Read and Understand

(Chapters – Weird Kids, Halloween Party, Warning: This Kid is Rated R, Egyptian Tomb)

1. Why does Summer sit with August at lunch?
2. Summer isn't in the 'popular group'; why is she invited to Savannah's party?
3. One of the themes of this section is 'secrets and lies'. Can you explain this?
4. In this section, we see in detail what a good relationship Summer has with August. Choose 3 pieces of evidence to show this.
5. Does Summer break her pinky promise?

Infer What's Not There

In the chapter 'Fortune Favours the Bold', the class are asked to write about a time in their lives when they did something brave and because of it, something great happened. Jack wonders what August wrote about, as he must have done lots of brave things.

Write down 3 things that you think August could have written for this task from what you have read of the novel so far. Try to use evidence from the book to support your statements.

Write

Re-read the chapter 'The Call'. In this part of the story, Mr Tushman calls Jack's mum to ask if he will give August a tour of the school.

From reading Jack's mum's response to the phone call, write the other side of the conversation from Mr Tushman's point of view. Think about the questions he would ask, the language or tone of voice he would use and his character traits.

Reflect and Respond

(Chapters – Carvel, Why I Changed My Mind, Four Things)

1. What was Jack's first reaction seeing August?
2. Mom says that Jack has a problem with everyone these days. Give three examples.
3. Do you think Jamie was being serious or silly when he was talking about August? Show evidence from the text.
4. Jack says that August is cool, funny, nice and smart. Choose 2 of these qualities and find examples in the book where August shows this.



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- Plague
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- The Call
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- Four Things
- Ex-Friends
- Snow
- Fortune Favours the Bold
- Private School
- In Science

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Explore Some More

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1. Why do you think the author included the chapter 'Halloween Party'? What does it tell us about Summer and what message does it send to the reader?
2. Compare August and Summer's behaviour with that of the 'popular kids'.
3. August mentions his grandmother in this section. His words contrast to other characters' views. Explain this.
4. Why do you think the author included the ending scene in the chapter 'Egyptian Tomb'?

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(Chapters – Ex-Friends, Fortune Favours the Bold, Private School, In Science)

1. Why is Jack so reluctant to help August out?
2. Why do you think Jack is being so negative about Summer?
3. How do you think Jack felt when Julian and Miles were talking about Skeleton Hill and the old sled?
4. Find words and phrases which the author has used to make it seem as if Jack is talking to himself in his mind.
5. Explain why Jack wanted to puke at the end of the chapter 'In Science'.

Vocabulary and Key Phrases

As this story is set in America, there are lots of words and phrases that we may not be very familiar with. Below are some key words and phrases that are used throughout these chapters of the book. Choose 5 words and find the definitions.

- Bragging
- Mantel
- Hanging out
- Doorman
- Kindergarten
- Stroller
- Grade
- Puke
- Kiddo
- Flashlight
- Block
- Sledding
- Morphed
- Gazillions

Can you find any more unfamiliar words in these chapters?

Characters

Inspirational or Ordinary?

In the novel, August can be recognised as both inspirational and ordinary. Make a poster using evidence from the book to show your thoughts. Consider these questions:

- How does his life and the way he tackles his difficulties inspire you?
- Is August an admirable person? Why?
- How is he just like any other 11 year old?

Compare your life to August's. What are the differences and similarities?