**Part 1: August**

Chapter 15 & 16: *Around the Room* & *Lamb to the Slaughter*

1. What activity did Ms. Petosa ask the class to participate in?
2. What did August share with the class about himself?
3. What question did Julian ask August?
4. What was Julian’s motivation to ask August about Darth Sideous?

Chapter 17: *Choose Kind*

1. How did August know Jack was well liked?
2. What is Mr. Browne’s definition of precept?
3. What is the most important thing of all according to Mr. Browne?
4. Write Mr. Browne’s September precept.

Chapter 18 & 19: *Lunch* & *The Summer Table*

1. What rule were many children breaking?
2. Why did August not have to wait in the lunch line?
3. Who sat down at the table with August?
4. Who did August make sure was included by using his first and last name in a summer sentence?

Chapter 20 & 21: *One to Ten* & *Padawan*

1. What motivated Mom to create the one to ten question?
2. What did August rate his first day of school?
3. What change did August make to his appearance in this section?
4. Why did August start crying?

Chapter 22 & 23: *Wake me up when September ends* & *Jack Will*

1. What activity did August have at the end of the month that he never had when he was home-schooled?
2. How long did it take for all the kids in his grade to get used to his face?
3. How long did it take for all the kids in the school to get used to his face?
4. Who was assigned to sit next to August in several of his classes?
5. Why did the boys have to move seats?

Chapter 24 & 25: *Mr. Browne’s October Precept* & *Apples*

1. What is the October precept?
2. A simile compares one thing to another- what are the two things being compared in this simile “They’re like the pyramids that the Egyptians built to honor the pharaohs.”?
3. Who did August want invited to his party?
4. How many children came to the party?

Chapter 26 & 27: *Halloween* & *School Pictures*

1. Who does August want to be for Halloween?
2. What does Summer like best about August?
3. Why doesn’t August want his picture taken?
4. What picture was he required to be in?

Chapter 28 & 29: *The Cheese Touch* & *Costumes*

1. In what class did August first realize no one wanted to touch him?
2. In science class how did the boy react when August touched him?
3. When August compared the situation to the “Cheese Touch” in Diary of a Wimpy Kid, why is he saying kids won’t touch him?
4. Why did August like Halloween even better than Christmas?
5. What motivated August to wear his astronaut helmet until his eye surgery?

Chapter 30 & 31: *The* *Bleeding Scream* & *Names*

1. What motivated August to hold his head in a different position than usual?
2. Who was in the Darth Sidious mask?
3. Whose comments were the most hurtful to August?
4. Why did August feel like he had been kicked in the gut?
5. What convinced August’s parents that his illness was very bad?

**Deeper thinking questions chapters 15-31 (oral questions, do not need to be written)**

1. At the end of chapter 16 (p. 39) we learn more about the character of Julian. How would you describe him now?
2. Why do you think Mr. Browne says the most important thing is who we are?
3. ‘WHEN GIVEN THE CHOICE BETWEEN BEING RIGHT OR BEING KIND, CHOOSE KIND.’ What do you think this precept means? Is it important to be kind?
4. August invites everyone to his birthday because he doesn’t want anyone’s feelings to be hurt. Do they all come? Why/why not? Whose feelings do get hurt then?
5. What does the metaphor “The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree” mean?
6. What do you think is the real reason for August changing his mind about his costume and going as Bleeding Scream instead of Boba Fett?
7. Imagine you are August on the day of the costumes in school. How would you feel overhearing what the boys had said? How would you react?
8. Is it okay to say mean things about someone when you don’t think they will hear it? Why/why not?
9. How would you describe August? What kind of a person do you think he is?
10. At this point in the book, who is your favourite character so far?