**Part 2: Via**

Chapter 11 & 12: *Genetics 101* & *Punnett Squares*

1. Draw the family tree and label with the following:

Grans, Kate, Poppa, Nate, Agosto, Via, Tata, Isabel, August, Ben

1. What motivated Via to learn all about her relatives?
2. What can we take from the last sentence of chapter 11: ‘And I carry it, too’?
3. What do you think is meant by this sentence: “I like how words you don’t understand explain things you can’t understand.”?

Chapter 13 & 14: Out with the Old & October 31st

1. Why did Via leave Miranda and Ella?
2. What is the name of the boy Via had an instant crush on?
3. Predict what would happen if Via told August that Miranda said, “Hi.”?
4. Mom used designing and making August’s Halloween costume as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. What role did Grans play to Mom that made her missed so much?
6. Explain why Via said her mom was put away and August’s mom came out.

Chapter 15 & 16: *Trick or Treat* & *Time to think*

1. Why do you think Via went trick or treating even though she was too old for it?
2. How did Via know that it was not just a stomach-ache that was keeping August at home?
3. Why did August care about one boy’s words but not others?
4. Why doesn’t Via want August to quit school?
5. What did Via threaten August with if he did not return to school?
6. Why was Via happy about Miranda’s comment?

**Part 3: Summer**

Chapter 1 & 2: *Weird kids* & *The Plague*

1. According to Summer, why do kids call August a “freak”?
2. What was Summer’s original motivation for sitting at beside August on the first day?
3. Why do other kids call August “Zombie kid”?
4. Why is August not the” neatest eater in the world”?
5. Why does Summer sit with August every day?

Chapter 3 & 4: *The Halloween Party* & *November*

1. Why was Summer so excited to be invited to Savanna’s Halloween party?
2. According to Savanna, if Summer stopped hanging around August, what might happen?
3. What did Summer realize after Savanna went to get Julian?
4. What caused August to give Summer “the cold shoulder” at lunch?
5. How did Summer prove to August that her friendship was true?
6. What caused Summer to stop being mad at August’s accusations?

Chapter 5 & 6: *This kid is rated R* & *The Egyptian Tomb*

1. What do you think happened when Summer’s mam saw August’s face for the first time?
2. Since August said Summer was “bi-racial,” the reader can conclude that \_\_\_\_.
3. What benefits does August see in the after-life ideas Summer explains?
4. Why do you think the school had the exhibition in the dark?
5. Why did August and Summer dress as mummies?
6. Why do you think Jack is asking Summer questions about August?
7. What is the bleeding scream in this story?

**Deeper thinking questions Part 2: Via chapters 11-16 and Part 3: Summer chapters 1- (oral questions, do not need to be written)**

1. How would you feel if you were Via when her friends wanted to hang around with new people and didn’t want her to be with them?
2. Is it normal for your friendships to change? Are you still only friends with the people you were friends with in junior infants? What causes friendships to change?
3. Do you think Via is a good sister? Why?
4. Do you agree with Via when she says everyone has bad days or days where they don’t want to go to school? How do you react when you have these days?
5. What kind of person is Summer, do you think?
6. Do you think Summer was right not to tell Jack why August is mad at him?
7. If you were August do you think you could ever forgive Jack?
8. Do you think Summer is a good friend to August?