**Part 5: Justin**

Chapter 1 & 2: *Olivia’s Brother* & *Valentine’s Day*

1. Why are there so many grammatical errors in this chapter (no capital letters etc)?
2. He says Olivia’s room is “immaculate”. What does this mean?
3. What do you think motivates Olivia to be a geneticist rather than an artist?
4. How do Olivia’s parents contrast to Justin’s?
5. Why did Justin’s tics stop?

Chapter 3 & 4: *Our Town* & *Ladybug*

1. Why does Justin find it surprising that Olivia does not want people staring at her?
2. What colour do you think Via’s eyes are? What in the chapter ‘Ladybug’ tells us this?

Chapter 5 & 6: *The Bus Stop* & *Rehearsal*

1. Why does Mrs. Pullman want Justin to take Jack to the bus?
2. What will happen if Jack takes Justin’s advice “you should tell your teacher about that.”?
3. Explain why the boys ice cream was “dripping onto their hands.”
4. Why was Justin surprised that Miranda was kind?
5. Why is it a big deal that Miranda calls Olivia “Via”?

Chapter 7 & 8: *Bird* & *The Universe*

1. What is the cause of Olivia’s sadness?
2. Why didn’t Via tell her parents about the show in her school?

**Part 6: August**

Chapter 1 & 2: *North Pole* & *The Auggie Doll*

1. What was different about the set up for the science projects than the set up for displaying the Egyptian projects?
2. What observation did August make that his parents thought was interesting?
3. What or who is the North Pole a metaphor\* for in this chapter?
4. What caused the “majority of boys [to not buy] into Julian anymore?

Chapter 3 & 4: *Lobot* & *Hearing Brightly*

1. Why did the author say August felt like he was under water instead of another location?
2. Explain why August had to wear a headband.
3. What lesson do you think August learned in this chapter?

Chapter 5 & 6: *Via’s Secret* & *My Cave*

1. What is Via’s secret?
2. Why did mom say the play would be uninteresting to August?
3. What do you think happened that kept Mom from going in August’s room?
4. Why did August think Via would come into his room softly?

Chapter 7 & 8: *Goodbye* & *Daisy’s Toys*

1. Why would August need to tell Daisy goodbye?
2. Who did August feel bad for as the taxi was about to leave?
3. What caused Daisy to bite Mom?
4. Why didn’t August know Daisy was so sick?
5. Explain why August did not interrupt his Dad’s crying.

\*Metaphor: it is a figure of speech that compares two things by saying one thing is the other thing. It is different to similes because it does not use like or as. There are some examples of both in the table below.

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| **Simile** | **Metaphor** |
| The world is like a stage | The world is a stage |
| Your eyes are bright like sunshine | You are my sunshine |
| As black as coal | Time is a thief |

**Deeper thinking questions Part 5: Justin and Part 6: August chapters 1-8 (oral questions, do not need to be written)**

1. Did you find it harder to read this part (Justin’s) than other parts in the story? Why?
2. Does this make you think that grammar is important in our writing?
3. What kind of a person do you think Justin is? What words would you use to describe him?
4. Would you agree with Miranda “The universe was not kind to Auggie Pullman”?
5. What does Justin mean when he says the universe doesn’t abandon us completely, it protects the fragile creations? Do you agree with his outlook?
6. Do you like the way the story is told from different people’s perspectives? Who’s perspective has been your favourite so far?
7. Has your favourite character changed at all, who is it now?
8. How did you feel reading those last two chapters?