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Fifth Grade Summer Assignment

Summer is here and we hope that it is off to a great start for you and your family.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” –Dr. Seuss

As an incoming fifth grader your required summer reading assignment is to read *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick and answer the following questions. Be sure to use complete sentences and type (then print) or neatly write.

1. From whose perspective is the story being told? What was the nickname given to him in day care?
2. What opinion do you think Max has of himself as the story begins? Why do you think he feels this way?
3. What is it about Max that startles Gwen when she first sees him?
4. In a few sentences, explain how Max and Kevin end up in a partnership. What do Kevin and Max each gain by being Freak the Mighty?
5. What is significant about the people that Freak the Mighty meet while returning a purse?
6. Two big events occur on Friday the 13. Describe what happens to Max and to Kevin on this date.
7. What upsetting news does Grim tell Max over the Christmas vacation?
8. How is Max treated by his father? What does this indicate about Killer Kane?
9. What does Max take with him to see Kevin in the hospital? Why do you think he brings that object?
10. Kevin gives Max a book of blank pages. What does this say about his character?
11. Max learns that Kevin’s story about a robotic body was not true. How does Dr. Spivak explain Kevin’s fantasy to Max?
12. How does Loretta Lee actually help Max write his story?

The last 3 questions are your opinion, but should be supported with information from the story.

13. Who can be considered a hero in the story? Be sure to explain your answer.
14. What is your opinion of the ending of the novel? Would you have changed anything about the story?
15. Which character developed most in the story? Explain your answer.

Additional suggest summer reading programs

New York City Public Libraries Summer Reading 2019

To join, visit your local library or log onto:

<https://www.nypl.org/events/summer/reading-challenge>. Browse the shelves at the libraries and look at their summer reading lists. You can even put books on hold and have them sent to your local public library. Check out www.nypl.org for more information.

Barnes and Noble “Book Your Summer” 2019

Check out the Barnes and Noble Summer Reading program at:

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9 Children read any 8 books this summer and record them in their B&N Summer Reading Journal to earn a free book. Go online or in person to any Barnes and Noble store for details.

2019 New York State Assembly Summer Reading Challenge

Check out the summer reading challenge from the New York State Assembly in cooperation with New York Libraries: <https://www.nysenate.gov/nyread>