



Comprehension Questions And Responses

Student Name _____

Reading Comprehension Strategies

Chapters 1 and 2: Understanding Point of View

Chapter 3: Drawing Conclusions

Chapter 4: Summarizing

Chapter 5 & 6: Making Predictions

Chapters 7 & 8: Comparing and Contrasting

Chapters 9 & 10: Visualization

Chapters 11 & 12: Cause and Effect

Chapter 13: Making Inferences

Before reading

1. Look at the picture on the front cover. What does it make you think about? What does the picture remind you of?

2. Read the material on the back cover or inside flaps of the cover. Do you think this story is going to be mainly funny or serious?

What real-life situations do you think the book will deal with?

3. Write about a friendship that has been or is very important to you. What have you learned from this friendship? How far would you go to help your friend?

4. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections about the book? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapters 1 and 2

1. Put yourself in Mrs. Aarons' place. Write about Jess's racing practice from her point of view.

2. From Jess's point of view, he feels neglected, overworked, and ignored by his parents. Answer the following questions: Why does Jess feel this way? Do you agree or disagree with him, and why?

Why does it seem as if Mr. and Mrs. Aarons are ignoring Jess—and are they really ignoring him?

3. In spite of his feelings about his family, Jess is basically a kind person. Write about how he exhibits kindness toward his sister May Belle.

4. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapter 3

1. From reading about the first day of school at Lark Creek Elementary, what conclusions do you reach about Jess's attitude toward school in general?

Why does he feel this way?

2. From Leslie Burke's behavior as she enters the classroom, what do you conclude about her? Write about several characteristics she seems to have.

3. Jess is obviously very competitive in sports with the other boys in his school, especially Fulcher. Yet he is quite different from Fulcher. Compare and contrast the ways in which Jess and Fulcher approach competition.

4. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapter 4

1. Summarize why Leslie's family has moved away from the city. What do they hope to find in a rural setting?

2. Explain why you think Jess and Leslie become friends so quickly.

3. What does Janice Avery say and do that makes her so obnoxious?

How do you think Leslie and Jess will deal with her as the story progresses?

4. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Characters 5 and 6

1. Predict what might happen in Chapter 7 between Janice Avery, Leslie, and Jess. Write down several possibilities.

2. What’s your opinion about the joke that Jess and Leslie play on Janice? Describe your own reactions to the joke.

3. Think about Brenda and Ellie’s reaction to Leslie. How is Leslie different from their ideas of what a girl should be like?

Why does their reaction make Jess angry?

B. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapter 7 and 8

1. Contrast Jess and Leslie's new attitude toward Janice Avery with their previous attitude.

What causes the change?

2. Describe Leslie's general behavior as a student. How does her behavior contrast with that of her classmates?

3. As Leslie and Jess's friendship grows, the more likenesses we see between them. Compare the two friends. What traits do they share? What are their strongest bonds?

B. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapter 9

1. Reread the paragraph in Chapter 9 that begins, “When they got to the bank of the creek, they stopped.” Visualize the scene. Then draw a detailed picture that shows how you see Terabithia after days of heavy rain. Use other details from the chapter if you want. Write a caption of at least two sentences for your picture.



2. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapter 10

1. Write about why Jess is so afraid to go to Terabithia during this time of heavy rain, and why he undertakes the trip anyway.

Do you think his fears are well founded? Why?

2. Do you think he's justified in making the same trip again? Explain why or why not.

3. Jess has some conflicting feelings as he sets off for Washington, D.C., with Miss Edmunds. Describe Jess's feelings and explain why he's experiencing them.

4. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection

Chapter 13

1. When Jess wakes up on Saturday morning, he seems ready to resume the task of milking Miss Bessie. What do you infer from this about Jess's state of mind?

How has he changed since he first heard of Leslie's death? Do you think Jess still feels guilty? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

What does Jess accomplish as he acts out the role of King when he goes back to Terabithia? How do you think he feels after doing this?

3. Firm friends build strong bonds and connect in many different ways. What do you think Leslie learned from her friendship with Jess? What has Jess learned from his friendship with Leslie?

4. What were your predictions, questions, observations, and connections as you read? Check the response you chose.

Prediction Question Observation Connection
