CHAPTER 1

1. Who is narrating the story?

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2. List five points about how the narrator describes himself.
   a) ________________________________________________________________
   b) ________________________________________________________________
   c) ________________________________________________________________
   d) ________________________________________________________________
   e) ________________________________________________________________

3. What is Grim’s opinion of the narrator’s father? Give proof from the book.

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CHAPTER 2

1. Describe the "down under" (Make 5 points).
   a) ________________________________________________________________
   b) ________________________________________________________________
   c) ________________________________________________________________
   d) ________________________________________________________________
   e) ________________________________________________________________

2. When does the story take place?

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3. Describe the new neighbors (Make 5 points each).
   a) ________________________________________________________________
   b) ________________________________________________________________
   c) ________________________________________________________________
   d) ________________________________________________________________
   e) ________________________________________________________________
CHAPTER 3

1. Max says Kevin "scared" him. Explain what he meant.

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2. What gets Max and Kevin speaking in Chapter 3? Explain the situation.

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CHAPTER 4

1. Why does Kevin call his mother the "Fair Gwen"?

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2. It is obvious that Kevin is very interested in two key things in Chapter 4. Give a brief description of each & tell why you think he is interested in each.
   a) ______________________________________________________________________
   b) ______________________________________________________________________

3. Does Max like to read? Explain why or why not.

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CHAPTER 5

1. Kevin’s mother gets very upset when she finds Kevin in Max’s room. Explain why, according to Max’s thinking and the real reason.

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2. Why did Gwen know who Max was?
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3. Why is it such a big deal that Max looks like his father?
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CHAPTER 6

1. What event do Max & Kevin go to together in Chapter 6?
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2. Why is this year different for Max?
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3. Describe Tony D. in detail. (His thoughts, actions, words)
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4. What does Kevin find so funny after they hear the sirens on pages 31-32?
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5. Why does Max put Kevin on his shoulders?
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CHAPTER 7

1. What do Max & Kevin name themselves in Chapter 7? Describe why they chose this name? What does it stand for or represent about each of them? What does it represent about them together, as one?

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CHAPTER 8

1. Make 10 notes about what was important in this chapter.

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    b) ________________________________________________________________
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    d) ________________________________________________________________
    e) ________________________________________________________________
    f) ________________________________________________________________
    g) ________________________________________________________________
    h) ________________________________________________________________
    i) ________________________________________________________________
    j) ________________________________________________________________
CHAPTER 9

1. Why did Kevin & Max go to the hospital? (Explain where they went, why Kevin took Max there & why it is important to the story).

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CHAPTER 10

1. Kevin has a vivid (intense, animated, lively) imagination. Use three examples from the novel, chapters 1-10, that prove this is a true statement.

   a) ________________________________________________________________

   b) ________________________________________________________________

   c) ________________________________________________________________

2. Predict what the boys will do with the purse they recovered. Or explain what you thought might or could happen.

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CHAPTER 11

1. Describe the New Tenements. Include details such as what it is called, what it looks like, who lives there, etc. Please put the details and your description into your own words.

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2. Who are Iggy & Loretta Lee?

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3. What role do you think they will play in the novel? Explain your reasons.

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CHAPTER 12

1. Why is it important that Kevin and Max are in the same classes?

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2. What do you think Max felt when the kids in class were teasing him?

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3. What effect does Kevin sitting on Max’s shoulders have on his class and teacher? What effect does it have on Max?

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CHAPTER 13

1. According to the novel, how smart is Freak?

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2. How is hanging out with Kevin helping Max?

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3. What does Kevin teach Max about reading?

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4. What does Max think about writing?

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5. Max is called alone to the Principal’s office. Name two reasons Max thought he was called down. Why did the Principal actually want to talk to Max?

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6. Why does Max state "If Freak ever tries to eat American chop suey again, I’ll dump it on his head or something."

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CHAPTER 14

1. Why is Grim yelling at Gram?

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2. Who is Annie? Give details.

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CHAPTER 15

1. What did Freak give Max for Christmas?

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2. Who comes into Max’s room?

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CHAPTER 16

1. Why does Max’s father come back?

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2. What do you think Max is feeling when his father takes him from the house?

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CHAPTER 17

1. Why does Max’s father tie up Max?

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2. How does "Killer Kane" describe his years in prison?

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CHAPTER 18

1. What is "Killer Kane’s" plan?

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2. What do you think Iggy is trying to tell Max "with his eyes"?

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CHAPTER 19

1. How do you feel about the way Max’s father treats Max?

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2. Why does Loretta help Max?

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CHAPTER 20

1. What does the sight of Loretta being hurt do to Max?
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2. How does Kevin save Max? What was really in the squirt gun?
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CHAPTER 21 - 22

1. Why does everyone think they will "lock Killer Kane up for good this time."?
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2. Why is it different for Max at school after the Christmas break?
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3. Why didn’t Max have to testify at the trial?
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4. What does Kevin say to Max about his father that makes him feel better?
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5. Complete this statement by Kevin: "Remembering is just .........."
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6. What does Kevin get for his birthday? Why is it significant?

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7. What important event happens at the end of Chapter 22?

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CHAPTER 23-25

1. What is a tracheotomy? What does Kevin do with his?

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2. What gift does Kevin give Max? What is it for?

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3. How does Kevin want Max to tell the story?

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4. Why does Max "freak out" at the hospital?

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5. Why did Kevin make up the story about the bionic body?

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6. How did Max deal with Kevin’s death?

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7. How did seeing Loretta help Max?

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8. How did writing his story help Max?

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