

1. At the beginning of the book, how did Dee feel about Samantha? Explain.
2.
 - a. Why did Dee and Pete spend so much time in the principal's office?
 - b. What did the school do to help students like Dee and Pete?
3. Do you think Ms. Hersh was a good teacher? Explain why you chose that answer.
4.
 - a. Why do you think that Dee loved the Wizard of Oz book and movie so much?
 - b. Have you seen the movie? If so, what did you think of it?
5. What evidence supports the statement that Joey was creative? Give specific examples.
6.
 - a. Describe Andrew.
 - b. Should kids have told a teacher or principal about his behavior? Why or why not?
 - c. If you were in the situation like Dee was, would you tell on Andrew? Why or why not?
7. Something is ironic when what happens is the opposite of what we would expect. What was ironic about Dee staring at Samantha toward the end of the book?
8.
 - a. What were Sue and Ronnie fighting about?
 - b. Do you think either Sue or Ronnie were right to be angry? Explain.
9. Was Dee wrong when she volunteered her mother to tutor Samantha? Explain your reasoning.

10. Dee worried about a lot of things. What were some of the things Dee worried about?
11. a. How do you feel about how the Big Game ended?

b. Why do you think the kids were so disappointed?
12. Some of the characters played pranks on others. What was your favorite prank, and why?
13. How did Dee change throughout the book?
14. How did Samantha change throughout the book?
15. What scene in the book made you laugh or smile?
16. Who was your favorite character? Why did you choose that character?