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Chapters 1 - 3

1. Why did Opal save Winn-Dixie?

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Chapters 4 - 8

1. How did Winn-Dixie help Opal make friends?

2. What is a pathological fear? What is Winn-Dixie's fear?

3. What do Opal and the preacher try to do to help Winn-Dixie?

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Chapters 9 - 13

1. Why does the preacher make Opal a promise?

2. What does Opal find out about Carson?

3. Why did Otis go to jail?

4. What idea did Opal have while reading *Gone with the Wind*?

5. What promise did Opal have to make to Gloria?

6. Why do you think Otis was so nervous to go to the party?

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10 Things...

What are ten things that someone would see with their heart about you?

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Because of Winn-Dixie...

How did Winn-Dixie affect the lives of many people?

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Chapters 14 - 17

1. What was Gloria's bottle tree?

2. Why does Opal hold on to Winn-Dixie so tightly?

3. Why does Miss Franny say war should be a cuss word?

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Chapters 18 - 21

1. What food will people be eating at the party?

2. Why does Opal forget about Winn-Dixie for a while?

3. Why does the preacher cry when they can't find Winn-Dixie?

4. Where was Winn-Dixie?

5. Why does Opal's heart feel full?

6. What did Opal learn about friendship that summer?

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Good Friends

Opal learned many things about friendship that summer. What makes someone a good friend?

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Like a Turtle

Opal compares her father, the preacher, to a "turtle hiding inside its shell, in there thinking about things and not ever sticking his head out into the world." How is the preacher like a turtle? List evidence from the story.

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Opal's Feelings

Tell how Opal feels about these characters using evidence from the book. Make sure to include if her feelings change.

Character	Feelings
The Preacher	_____
Amanda	_____
Otis	_____
Sweetie Pie	_____
Stevie and Dunlap	_____
Gloria	_____

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Littmus Lozenges

Everyone felt different sorrows when they tasted the Littmus Lozenges. Share their memories and feelings in the speech bubbles.

Opal: _____

Gloria: _____

Otis: _____

Sweetie Pie: _____

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Because of Winn-Dixie Chapter Summary

Kate DiCamillo didn't title her chapters. After reading each chapter, write a title.

Chapter	Title
1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
6	_____
7	_____
8	_____
9	_____
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Point of View

Because of Winn-Dixie is written from India Opal Buloni's point of view. Rewrite a scene of the book from another point of view.

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Sweet and Sad Memories

Sometimes memories can be "bittersweet." That's when something makes you have both happy and sad memories. If you were to eat a Littmus Lozenge, what would you taste that is sweet and sad?

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Novel Unit

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Opal's Character Traits

Use evidence from the book to demonstrate Opal's character traits.

Trait	Evidence
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Because of Winn-Dixie Scrapbook

Draw scenes on the photo squares that show important book events with Miss Franny.

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Because of Winn-Dixie Scrapbook

Draw scenes on the photo squares that show important book events with the preacher.

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Because of Winn-Dixie Scrapbook

Draw scenes on the photo squares that show important book events with Winn-Dixie.

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Prejudice & Disabilities

In *Because of Winn-Dixie*, Stevie and Dunlap call Ms. Gloria Dump a witch, but they don't know her. They were showing prejudice, because they were forming an opinion about her without knowing who she really is. Opal also showed prejudice when she judged Amanda and called her "pinch-faced" but didn't really know her. Sometimes, things happen in someone's past that can affect their personality, just as it did with Amanda.

Sometimes, people are born with a disability. Stevie called Otis "retarded" in the book. This is not a respectful way of speaking about someone with a disability. Otis's disability causes him to think more slowly. This is why he didn't understand the reason the police were asking him to stop playing music.

Gloria says, "You can't always judge people by the things they've done. You've got to judge them by what they are doing now." What does this quote mean to you? How does the quote relate to the characters in the book?

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Because of Winn-Dixie Scrapbook

Draw scenes on the photo squares that show important book events with Gloria.

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Because of Winn-Dixie Scrapbook

Draw scenes on the photo squares that show important book events with Otis.

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Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms are storms with lightning and thunder. The conditions are just right for thunderstorms in the spring and summer in the afternoons or evenings because of the warm air.

You hear thunder because of lightning. Electric charges build up in the clouds and release as a flash of lightning. The heat from the lightning creates a "boom," that's thunder. Thunder won't hurt you, but lightning is very dangerous. In fact, more people are killed by lightning than by tornadoes each year. You should always stay inside during a thunderstorm. You might know a storm is coming because the sky will get very dark and the clouds will be very tall and heavy-looking.

Sometimes thunder sounds like a low rumble. Sometimes it sounds like a giant, loud crack. You can determine the distance of a thunderstorm from you by counting the seconds in between when you see lightning and hear thunder. For every five seconds, the storm is one mile away. If you hear thunder at the same time as you see the lightning, that means the storm is right over you!

Astraphobia is an irrational fear of thunder and lightning. People and animals can have astraphobia. Humans will get very anxious, and may tremble, cry, sweat, or even feel nauseous. Between 15 and 30% of dogs have the phobia. Many dogs will destroy things or try to escape when they have high anxiety. It's best to try to create a safe place for your dog if you know they have astraphobia.

1. Can you hear thunder if there is no lightning? Why or why not?

2. What is lightning?

3. Did Opal and the preacher do what was best for Winn-Dixie during the storms?

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Because of Winn-Dixie Character Traits

Use evidence from the book to demonstrate the character traits of the following characters.

Character	Trait	Evidence
Opal	_____	_____
The Preacher	_____	_____
Amanda	_____	_____
Otis	_____	_____
Sweetie Pie	_____	_____
Stevie and Dunlap	_____	_____
Gloria	_____	_____