

Stargirl Student Packet

All Answers must be written in complete sentences in order to get credit. Each answer is worth ½ of a point (total will be rounded up to the nearest point). **20 points possible**

“Porcupine Necktie”

1. What life-changing event prompts Uncle Pete to give Leo the necktie and what did it look like?

Chapter 1

2. List five attributes associated with Stargirl.

Chapter 2

3. What rumor about Stargirl does Hillari Kimble start?
4. How does the “moonlit hour” change Leo’s understanding of Stargirl?

Chapter 3

5. Why does Leo not want to put Stargirl on Hotseat?

Chapter 4

6. What are Hillari Kimble’s three claims to fame?

Chapter 5

7. By Halloween, how do most Mica students feel about Stargirl?

Chapter 6

8. When Stargirl sings “Happy Birthday” to Hillari Kimble but directs it through Kevin and Leo, how does she surprise Leo?

Chapter 7

9. What is Archie’s relationship to Stargirl?

Chapter 8

10. What does the quote “We honored her by imitation” mean?

Chapter 9

11. Spinelli opens Chapter 9 with an extended metaphor to describe the changes Stargirl has initiated. An extended metaphor is a lengthy comparison of seemingly unlike things, without the use of the words like or as. To what are the Mica students compared? To what is Stargirl compared? How are their lives changed?
12. As Chapter 9 closes, Archie foreshadows a change of events. Foreshadowing is hinting or warning about future events. Quote the statement that foreshadows change.

Chapter 10

13. What three events show that people are beginning to mistrust Stargirl?

Chapter 11

14. What dirty trick do her fellow cheerleaders play on Stargirl to punish her for cheering for the opponents as well as the Electrons?

Chapter 12

15. What does Stargirl do to start the show that makes the “Hot Seat” live up to its name?

Chapter 13

16. When the jury turns into a mob and attacks Stargirl in the interview, they hint that she has betrayed three different groups or institutions. Which three and how?

Chapter 14

17. How is Stargirl’s cheering different from that of the other cheerleaders?

Chapter 15

18. What is haunting Leo and how does he deal with his confusion?

Chapter 16

19. Leo thinks about Stargirl, “She was the opposite of cool; she held nothing back.” What does he mean?

Chapter 17

20. Using a metaphor (a comparison of seemingly unlike things, without the use of like or as), Leo describes his experience of first love as follows: “In school I was a yellow balloon, smiling and lazy, floating above the classrooms.” Leo doesn’t fall out of love, but something deflates his balloon. What is it?

21. On the bottom of page 91 and top of 92, Stargirl uses a simile to describe her experience after she erases her thoughts. A simile, like a metaphor, compares two seemingly unlike things. But a simile uses the words like or as. Quote the sentence with the simile.

Chapter 18

22. Use these words in a short paragraph to describe the new feelings Leo is experiencing: avoided, paranoid, isolation.

Chapter 19

23. When Leo tells Archie how he and Stargirl are being shunned, Archie responds by whispering, "Poor dolphin. Caught in a tuna net." Explain this metaphor.

Chapter 20

24. What does Stargirl want to do when she grows up?

25. When and how did Stargirl first become aware of Leo Borlock?

Chapter 21

26. What are three sources which inspire Stargirl's seemingly random acts of kindness?

Chapter 22

27. What is the tally in Stargirl's happy wagon?

Chapter 23

28. Why is Leo beginning to resent Stargirl?

Chapter 24

29. In Chapter 24, what is Leo's response to Stargirl's banner professing her love?

Chapter 25

30. In Chapter 25, whom does Leo blame for Stargirl's shunning?

Chapter 26

31. How does Stargirl demonstrate that she is desperate to have the shunning end?

Chapter 27

32. Why is Dori Dilson, who has been Stargirl's one enduring friend, angry at Stargirl?

Chapter 28

33. What is the source of Stargirl's speeches in the State oratorical competition?

Chapter 29

34. When Susan wins the contest and is featured on the front page, Leo feels “pride welling” in himself. What emotions replace the pride as they drive into the Mica parking lot?

Chapter 30

35. How does Leo show his cowardice as Chapter 30 concludes?

Chapter 31

36. Re-read page 221. What new sensation emerges among the students attending the Ocotillo Ball as they watch Stargirl in her yellow gown?

Chapter 32

37. Before leaving for college, what does Leo discover about Archie’s toolshed?

Chapter 33

38. What is Leo’s profession?

“More than Stars”

39. What legacy has Stargirl left on Mica?

40. Do you think Leo will ever see Stargirl again?