Curative Reading Because of Winn-Dixie, By Kate DiCamillo Week Three Questions Reading Chapters 14-20



Special Note For Answering Week Three Questions: In addition to helping us to return to rest and restore mode, another benefit of Curative Reading is how it strengthens empathy; our ability to see the world through different eyes and perspectives. This can pull us out of our own limited beliefs and thoughts. As you read the following chapters, pay attention to the places where you feel a connection to a character or are reminded of someone from the real world. This could be yourself, a fellow Curative Reader, or another person in your life. These micro-moments of connection are strengthening your empathy muscle. Mark an "E" in your book next to the passages that stand out to you in this way, and next to it, write down the name of the person or character you feel empathy for.

Chapter 14

Gloria Dump tells Opal she did bad things like drink in her past until she was able to learn "the most important thing." She goes on to tell Opal the most important thing is different for everyone. Have you learned your most important thing? If so, write a line or two about what that it is.

Chapter 15

Opal decides she wants to comfort Gloria Dump to keep the ghosts from her past from upsetting her. What does she do? Consider doing this same thing for someone you care about (or yourself) this week. Or write a line or two about how you have done this in the past to bring comfort to someone else.

Chapter 16

Amanda tells Miss Franny Price that "hell" is a cuss word and Miss Franny says "war" should be a cuss word. Write down another example of a word you think should become a cuss word.

Chapter 17

What is the secret ingredient in the Litmus Lozenge?

Chapter 18

When The Preacher eats his Litmus Lozenge it make him feel melancholy and think about Opal's mom. If you were to eat one, what would it make you feel and/or who would it make you think about?

Chapter 19

"I swept the floor real slow that day. I wanted to keep Otis company. I did not want him to be lonely. Sometimes it seemed like everybody in the world was lonely." Write a line or two about how you respond to this comment. Is there someone in the world you don't want to feel lonely?

Chapter 20

Opal comes up with a solution "for Otis's aching heart, for everyone's aching heart" in this chapter. What is it?