

Uglies

In this package you will find the questions you must complete as you read the novel *Uglies*. You are responsible for bringing these things to class every day. Please do not write on the question sheets. Instead, record your answers neatly on loose leaf and keep them in your novel duotang.

For these short answer questions, respond in complete sentences so I can tell what question you are answering by reading your response. Marks will not be given for answers that are not written this way. See the example below.



Example: What do you think life is like in New Pretty Town? What evidence from the text supports your answer?

X *It's good.*

✓ *I think life in New Pretty Town is probably pretty good because...*

I will be collecting your work weekly. This way you and I will always know how you are doing. Each question is worth one mark.

| Date | What's due? |
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| Tuesday, October 30, 2012 | Receive novel |
| Wednesday, November 7, 2012 | Chapters 1-10 (<i>Fight</i>) due |
| Wednesday, November 14, 2012 | Chapters 11-19 (<i>The Worst Mistake</i>) due |
| Wednesday, November 21, 2012 | Chapters 20-30 (<i>The Secret</i>) due |
| Thursday, November 29, 2012 | Chapters 31-41 (<i>Familiar Sights</i>) due |
| Wednesday, December 5, 2012 | Chapters 42-50 (<i>Down the River</i>) due |
| Thursday, December 13, 2012 | Final Project due |

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Chapters 1-3: New Pretty Town, Best Friends Forever and Shay

1. The first line of the book says, "The early summer sky was the color of cat vomit." Why do you think the author wrote this as a first line?
2. What do you think life is like in New Pretty Town? What evidence from the text supports your answer?
3. Why is Tally worried about being caught in New Pretty Town?
4. How does Tally plan to make it to Peris without being discovered?
5. How does the author describe the Garbo Mansion?
6. How does a bungee jacket work?
7. Explain your understanding of a "hoverstrut" and an "interface ring."
8. How does Peris plan to get Tally out of his building without getting caught?
9. What seems to be the difference between New Pretties and Middle Pretties?
10. Who is Shay?
11. What does Shay mean when she tells Tally that the bridge will "tattle?"
12. What is a "littlie?" How can you tell?

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Chapter 4-7: Wipe Out, Facing the Future, Pretty Boring and Rapids

1. What do crash bracelets do?
2. What is a "morpho"?
3. Why doesn't Shay like making morphos of herself?
4. Near the end of the chapter, "Facing the Future", we begin to get an idea of why people are made "pretty" when they turn 16. Explain.
5. What reasons from history does Shay give as examples of why everyone is turned pretty?
6. In which year do you think this story is taking place? Explain.
7. What are the Rusty Ruins?
8. Why is Tally nervous about going where they are not allowed to go?
9. Describe how the hoverboards work.
10. Tally lives in a dorm. In an earlier chapter she refers to her parents by their first names. What inferences can you make about life in Tally's world based on those facts?

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Chapter 8-10: The Rusty Ruins, Waiting for David, and Fight

1. Although Tally was nervous about going to the Ruins, she ended up happy that Shay had taken her. Why?
2. At what age do uglies leave their parents' homes and move into the dorm?
3. What are "uglies for life"?
4. Reread the paragraph at the end of "Fight":
"Maybe just being ugly is why uglies always fight and pick on one another, because they aren't happy with who they are. Well, I want to be happy and looking like a real person is the first step." (page 84)
What are your thoughts as you read this?
5. Do you believe that the reason that people pick on one another in our society is because they aren't happy with who they are? Explain.
6. What trick does Tally and Shay play on the new uglies?
7. What doesn't Shay like about the pretties?
8. Why doesn't Shay want to become a pretty?

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Chapters 11-14: Last Trick, Operation, Special Circumstances, and Ugly for Life

1. Why does Shay want to escape?
2. What is the name of the place where David lives?
3. Looking on page 92, explain what is meant by the following conversation:
"And everyone's ugly."
"Which means no one's ugly."
Tally managed to laugh. "Which means no one's pretty, you mean."
4. What does Tally say is the only part of the operation to become a pretty that hurts? What does it feel like?
5. What does the pretty tell Tally about her operation?
6. What is "Special Circumstances"?
7. Why was Tally taken to Special Circumstances?
8. What does Dr. Cable want Tally to do?
9. Shay's letter to Tally uses references that only the two of them know. Predict what you think this message means.
10. How do you feel about how Tally's parents reacted to the situation? How do you feel about Tally's parents at the end of the Chapter, "Ugly for Life"?

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Chapters 15-19: Peris, Infiltrator, Leaving, Spagbol, and The Worst Mistake

1. Who is waiting for Tally in her dorm room? Did this surprise you? Why or why not?
2. What does Peris say to Tally to make her change her mind about showing Shay's note to Dr. Cable?
3. What does Dr. Cable really want Tally to do?
4. What does the word "infiltrator" mean?
5. Why does Tally need to get to Shay as quickly as possible?
6. Explain what the line, "Cold is the sea and watch for breaks" meant.
7. What does Tally have for dinner?
8. What was "the worst mistake"?

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Chapter 20-25: The Side You Despise, Firestorm, Bug Eyes, Lies, The Model, and Work

1. What was "the strange machine" that Tally saw? How can you tell?
2. What is a tributary?
3. What did Shay's clue, "Take the side you despise," mean? How did Tally figure it out?
4. What are the "bug eyes" that Tally refers to?
5. Why were the rangers spreading the fire?
6. What is biological zero?
7. Why do the Bug Eyes help the Smokies?
8. Give a physical description of David, from Tally's point of view.
9. Why did Shay discourage Tally from giving her Spagbol to Croy?
10. Why aren't the Smokies mad about the bug they find on Tally's hoverboard?
11. Why is Tally so horrified when she sees what buildings in the Smoke are made of?
12. Who is the Boss? Why does Tally dread meeting him?
13. In the chapter, "The Model", the author gives us more insight into approximately what year this novel is taking place. Explain what year you think it is (approximately) and how you know.
14. What are some of the projects the Smokies are working on?
15. Do you think that Shay and her friends were suspicious when Tally was telling her story about her trip to The Smoke, or did they believe everything that she said? Explain your reasoning.

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Chapters 26 -30: David, Heartthrob, Suspicion, Bravery and The Secret

1. What is Tally worried about when she looks at David's clothing?
2. Why is Tally so worried about cutting down trees, eating meat, or wearing leather?
3. What does David reveal to Tally in the cave?
4. Why does it make her rethink her decision to alert Dr. Cable to the location of the Smoke?
5. What did Tally buy at the trading post?
6. Explain what Shay thinks about why Tally is acting strange in the chapter, "Heartthrob."
7. What does Tally like about living in the Smoke?
8. What does David give to Tally? Where did he get the gift?
9. Explain why Croy is suspicious of Tally.
10. When the author says, "But it was as if something had changed inside Tally's head, something that had turned his face pretty to her." (page 250) when speaking about David, what do you think he means?
11. Why do you think Tally is surprised that David and his father look alike?

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Chapters 31 -35: Pretty Minds, Burning Bridges, Invasion, The Rabbit Pen, and In Case of Damage

1. What is the Committee for Morphological Standards?
2. What is "the secret"?
3. What did Maddy and Az discover about the brains of everyone who had the surgery to become a pretty?
4. What was the first thing David liked about Tally?
5. What does Tally do with her necklace?
6. What is the "weapon" that the Boss has at the beginning of the Chapter "Invasion"?
7. Where was Tally when the Invasion happened?
8. What are the two things the Boss has with him? Why does he have these things?
9. Why can't Tally be the one to run into the woods with the magazines?
10. In "The Rabbit Pen", why is Croy no longer suspicious of Tally?
11. Do you think Shay has the right to be so angry at Tally? Why or why not?
12. Describe the significance of the line, "If the pendant had been damaged, it would have sent a signal automatically." (page 306)
13. Where did Tally pretend that she had hidden the pendant?

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Chapters 36-41: Run, Amazing, Ruin, Maddy and Az, The Oil Plague, and Familiar Sights

1. How does Tally escape the Specials?
2. According to David, what does the second operation do for the Specials?
3. What did the Smokies leave behind for Tally? Why was this significant?
4. Why did the Specials burn the books in the library?
5. Why do you think Tally picked up the magazines and took them with her?
6. Why does David think that his parents did not get away?
7. What supplies had David's parents stashed away in the secret cave?
8. Describe the "oil plague" that killed the Rusties.
9. Why is David so much less sure of himself in the city than he is in the woods?
10. Describe what you think it means when Tally thinks, "And that was her city in a nutshell...Nothing left to itself. Everything turned into a bribe, a warning, or a lesson."
(page 351)
11. On page 352, Tally says that she is not a pretty, but she doesn't feel like an ugly anymore. Describe what she means.

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Chapter 42-47: Accomplices, Over the Edge, Inside, Rescue, Getaway, and Night Alone

1. Why does David seem uncomfortable in Uglyville?
2. Who are the accomplices?
3. How did Tally and David use the accomplices to help with their plan?
4. What do you think Tally is asking when she and David pass the morgue? Why do you think David says no?
5. Who does David and Tally find in the interrogation room with Dr. Cable?
6. What is different about her?
7. How can we tell that Shay is different (aside from her appearance)?
8. Why does Shay agree to help Tally and David rescue the others?
9. Why can't they help Az, David's father?
10. Why did Maddy give the others pieces of the orange jumpsuits?
11. Why is Tally upset that Shay is forgiving her and is no longer mad about everything that happened between them?
12. What information did Maddy find on Dr. Cable's tablet?

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Chapter 48-50: Hippocratic Oath, Confessions, and Down the River

1. Why did the Smokies start spreading the rumor about the brain lesions among city friends?
2. Shay knows that she has changed, but why does she believe that she is different?
3. Explain how Az died.
4. Why won't Maddy force Shay to take the pills or slip them to her without her knowing?
What is Tally's plan?
5. Why is it risky?
6. What does Tally do before heading back to New Pretty Town that she hopes will help her later?
7. What does Tally tell the warden who finds her and Shay in Cleopatra Park?
8. Will you read the sequel to this book?