

*The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson

Prep Task Questions

Directions: Use these questions to help you better understand the text as you read each section.

Section 1 (pages 1-17):

1. What is significant about Jenna's memories?
2. What is missing from her understanding about who she is?
3. Where and when does this story occur?
4. What is important about Jenna and Lily's relationship? What about Jenna's and Claire's?
5. Who is Mr. Bender?
6. What do you notice about the gray pages?

Section 2 (pages 18-33)

1. Why is the definition of "lost" included?
2. What does the allusion (reference) to lion and lamb on page 23 mean? Why do you think the author would include this?
3. What clues does Jenna gain about the past and her situation?

Section 3 (pages 34-50)

1. Describe the place that Lily brings Jenna.
2. What do you learn about the Aureus epidemic, antibiotics, genetic modifications, and laws in this society?
3. How does Jenna act and feel when she gets told to go to her room?
4. Why does she want to go to school?
5. What things does she notice as she watches the DVDs?
6. What does Jenna remember about Kara and Locke?
7. How does everyone react when Jenna is allowed to go to school?

Section 4 (pages 51-63)

1. How does Jenna feel about being able to go to school?
2. What is your impression of Dane? His house?
3. What does Jenna learn about herself during her visit with Mr. Bender?
4. What do readers learn about Mr. Bender's life/past?
5. What is most significant about Jenna's viewing of "Year Twelve"?

Section 5 (pages 64-80)

1. What first impressions does Jenna make on her schoolmates?
2. What do you learn about Allys, Ethan, Dane, and Gabriel during Jenna's first day?
3. What is odd about Jenna's knowledge of Easter Island and *Walden*?
4. What does the title, "Pieces" mean on page 80?

Section 6 (pages 81-91)

1. Why does Jenna call Lily such a profane name?
2. As Jenna watches the video of her fourteenth birthday, what does she realize that she has gotten used to?
3. On page 84, what insight does Jenna give about the relationship between Lily and Claire?
4. What is significant about Jenna and Lily's conversation in the church?
5. How does Jenna's relationship with Ethan grow during this section?
6. What memory is triggered for Jenna?

#### Section 7 (pages 92-106)

1. What is the function of the organization Allys is working for?
2. What is the 100 Points system? Is it fair? How is it directly related to Jenna's father?
3. Why does Jenna feel empowered by messing up small parts of Lily's room? See page 106 for a clue...
4. What contrasts are drawn between Ethan and Dane?

#### Section 8 (pages 107-120)

1. What does Lily think of Jenna and Ethan's relationship?
2. What does Jenna learn about her treatment?
3. What are Jenna's thoughts as she contemplates the implications of her treatment and who she is?

#### Section 9 (pg 121-140)

1. How does Jenna's dad explain her treatment? What are your thoughts on his explanation and how he gives the explanation?
2. How does Jenna feel about her present state and what her parents have done? What concerns her most about her reconstruction?
3. In the section titled "Lily", what does Jenna and Lily's conversation reveal about Lily's feelings and inner conflicts?
4. What are some of the details about Jenna's treatment and her parents' choices in "Details"?

#### Section 10 (pg 141-150)

1. How does Jenna feel about her placement in school?
2. What happens between Ethan and Jenna at school? How does this lead to the conflict between Dane and Ethan?
3. Why is the argument that Jenna had with her mom about the party significant?

#### Section 11 (pg 150-166)

1. Why does Jenna keep comparing herself to Dane?
2. What were all of the "precautions" that Jenna's parents took while "healing" her?
3. What interesting events happen at the church?
4. Why does Jenna tell Ethan what happened?
5. What is the main point of "Would They Ask That of Someone Who Was Real?"

#### Section 12 (pgs 167-179)

1. What is interesting about Jenna's interaction with Allys?
2. What happens to Mr. Bender's garage and what is his reaction?
3. What does Jenna learn about her past and how does he learn it?

#### Section 13 (pages 180-191)

1. How does Jenna feel about her life expectancy?
2. What word does Jenna use to describe how Claire behaves around her, on the bottom of page 180?
3. What happened when Jenna's parents tried to discuss the accident with her in the hospital?
4. Jenna remembers being close to Lily. To what does she attribute this closeness?
5. What is Lily's role in the Foxes plans regarding Jenna's recovery and potential "escape"?
6. With what concept does Jenna struggle on pages 190 and 191?

#### Section 14 (pages 192-205)

1. What thoughts does Jenna have while thinking about Thoreau (top of page 193)?
2. Why does Jenna have such an intense reaction to finding the backups?

3. What explanation do Jenna's parents provide for why they have all 3 backups?

Section 15 (pages 206-222)

1. What kinds of things does Jenna focus on during her class's viewing of the filibuster?
2. What is the filibuster about?
3. On page 209, what does the "*click*" mean?
4. Why is Ethan attracted to Jenna?
5. What is strange about Mr. Bender's appearance in the woods?
6. What do we learn about Mr. Bender's past life?
7. Where is Jenna to go if she has to "get out of Dodge"?

Section 16 (pages 222-231)

1. How did the accident occur?
2. What is Jenna's last memory from before the coma?
3. What happens at Jenna's last recital?
4. How is "Pieces" on page 231 different from "Pieces" on page 80?

Section 17 (pages 232-250)

1. Lily keeps asking Jenna what she needs. What is the answer?
2. Who is the man speaking to Jenna's father and why did he take her picture at the mission?
3. What does Jenna learn from her father that throws her into a state of near-panic?
4. How do Jenna and Ethan feel about visiting Allys?
5. What is wrong with Allys?

Section 18 (pages 251-265)

1. What are the parts of Jenna and Lily's plan to give Jenna what she needs?
2. What does Allys want her parents to do? What do they actually do? How does Jenna think Allys would feel?
3. What do you know about Kayla?