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Chapter 1 Questions

1. Describe Wanda.

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2. Where in the classroom did Wanda sit and why?

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3. Groups of children waited for Wanda to come to school each day. They wanted to have fun with her. What kind of fun would they have?

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4. Peggy and Maddie noticed Wanda wasn't in school today. Did they miss her? Why or why not?

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5. Peggy and Maddie had been late for school. Why?

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Chapter 2 Questions

1. The girls noticed that Wanda was not in her seat. What did they notice about her desk?

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2. If a desk is dusty what conclusion would you reach?

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3. Where did Wanda live? Describe the town.

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4. Boggins Heights was a good place to pick wild flowers. Why were people telling stories about old man Svenson?

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5. If people hold their breath as they pass old man Svenson's house--What conclusion would you reach?

6. How do the children feel as they pass his house?

7. Describe the Dresses Game.

8. How many different dresses did Wanda wear?

9. Describe Peggy and Maddie's behavior as they played this game with Wanda.

10. Do you think the girls were being cruel?

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11. Maddie wished Peggy would stop teasing Wanda.

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12. How was Maddie feeling?

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13. Was Maddie very different from Wanda? How?

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14. Describe each girl and compare and contrast their character traits, actions and what motivates them.

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Chapter 3 Questions -- A Bright Blue Day

1. Reread the first paragraph on page 20. A light frown puckered her forehead. How was Maddie feeling?

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3. What evidence helped you reach that conclusion?

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4. How had the hundred dresses game begun in the first place? (p. 20-29)

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5. Where does Wanda keep her dresses?

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6. Peggy asked Wanda why she didn't wear them to school. What was Wanda's reply?

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7. Do you think she has one hundred dresses she can wear at home?

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8. How do you think Wanda feels about the hundred dresses game?

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9. Fill in the blanks.

It was a bright blue day in \_\_\_\_\_. As Peggy and Maddie turned from shady Oliver Street into \_\_\_\_\_ they both blinked. A crisp, fresh \_\_\_\_\_ was blowing.

"Hi, Peg! Hi, Maddie!" they greeted each other warmly.

"Look at \_\_\_\_\_!" What they were all exclaiming about was the that Cecile had on a crimson dress with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to match. It was a bright new dress and very \_\_\_\_\_. They all seemed especially jolly today, probably because it was such a bright \_\_\_\_\_. Everything sparkled. \_\_\_\_\_ came along with her brother Jake. Jake went up Maple Street. Wanda slowly approached the group of \_\_\_\_\_. With each step forward, before she put her foot down she seemed to hesitate for a \_\_\_\_\_, long time. She approached the group as a timid \_\_\_\_\_ might ready to run if anything alarmed it. Everyone was talking to everybody else. Nobody said anything to \_\_\_\_\_, but there she was a part of a crowd. Maddie was standing next to Peggy. Wanda was standing next to \_\_\_\_\_ on the other side. All of a sudden, \_\_\_\_\_ impulsively touched Peggy's \_\_\_\_\_ and said something. Her light blue eyes were shining and she looked like the rest of the girls. "I got a \_\_\_\_\_ dresses at home", said Wanda.

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Chapter 4 -- The Contest

1. Does Maddie want to keep playing the hundred dresses game?

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2. Do you think Wanda is dumb? Why or why not? Reread page 36 to help you figure it out.

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3. The class was going to have a drawing and coloring contest. Who did Maddie think would win?

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Chapter 5 -- The Hundred Dresses

1. Who won the contest for the boys?

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2. Who won the contest for the girls?

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3. What did Miss Mason think of her drawings?

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4. What did the children think?

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5. How do you know they felt that way?

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6. Miss Mason had received a letter from Wanda's father. Do you think the letter and pictures arrived at the same time? Why or why not?

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7. What had Mr. Petronski written?

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8. Why do you think they moved to the city?

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9. Miss Mason just knew the class wouldn't deliberately hurt anyone's feelings. She preferred to think what was said was said in thoughtlessness. What does she mean? (pg. 48)

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10. Maddie felt she had to do something. She had to find Wanda Petronski. Why?

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Chapter 6 -- Up on Boggins Heights

1. The girls went to see if the Petronski's were home. What did they discover once they went into their house?

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2. They met Mr. Svenson on their way home. Could they understand what he said?

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3. Do you think he spoke English? Why or why not?

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4. Maddie thought about what she could do to let Wanda know how unhappy she was about the hundred dresses. What important conclusion did Maddie reach? (p. 63)

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Chapter 7 -- Letter To Room 13

1. Who wrote a letter to Wanda? Why was this letter written to her?

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2. What did the letter say?

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3. How did they mail it if they didn't know her new address?

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4. When did Wanda finally write?

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5. What did her letter say?

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6. Maddie took her picture home and pinned it over a torn place in the pink-flowered wall-paper in the bedroom. How did Maddie feel as she looked at the drawing?

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7. How did the girls know that Wanda like them even though they had teased her? Was Wanda proud of her hundred dresses? How do you know? Do you think Wanda really thought the girls were teasing her? Why or why not?

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