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# Before You Begin Reading...

## About The Author

Have you heard of this author before? Yes / No

Read the author's biography located on the back of the book. It might also be on the inside flaps. If you can't find a lot of author information on the book itself, use the internet to find out more details.

Where is the author from?

Is this the author's first book? Yes / No

List 3 interesting facts about the author.

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Based on the cover, title, and synopsis, what do you think this novel will be about?

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Does the cover grab your attention? Why or why not? If you were the cover artist what might you do differently?

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Do you think you'll enjoy this novel? Why or why not?

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Antonym:

Synonym:

sophomore

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Antonym:

Synonym:

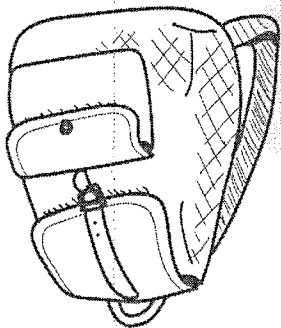
diversity

My Word:

Fill in the charts:

vocabulary define and write

# Chapters 1-2



# Multiple Choice

Which superhero did Jordan want to be when he was younger?

- A) Spiderman
- B) Superman
- C) Aquaman
- D) Thor

What are Jordan's parent's names?

- A) Chuck & Ellice
- B) Charles & Eunice
- C) Clark & Every
- D) Mark & Teresa

What is Jordan's new school's name?

- A) Riverbanks School for the Accomplished
- B) River's Side Academy
- C) Riverdale Academy Day School
- D) Glendale Academy Day School

## Comprehension Questions

1. Jordan's mom is excited about his new school, but how does his dad feel about it? What is Jordan's dad's biggest concern?

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2. Based on Jordan's drawing, how does he feel about going back to school?

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3. How does Jordan feel when he sees Maury walk down the hallway? Why does he feel this way?

4. What is Maury's nickname? Why is he called this?

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Can you find the other metaphor that's used in Chapter 2? What two things are being compared?

Why do you think Jordan feels this way?

The author begins his graphic novel with a metaphor. Explain what two things are being compared in that metaphor.

A metaphor is a comparison between two or more things without using the words "like" or "as". For example: The fresh snow is a shimmering blanket.

## Figurative Language

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\_\_\_\_\_

Before Jordan gets into Mr. Landers' car, Jordan's dad tells him to not let anyone talk down to him. What do you think this means?

## OPINION

What do you think a "dead fish" means when it comes to handshakes? Draw your thinking.

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Write about your most memorable first day back to school. What made it so memorable?

Draw how you feel on your first day of school each year. Try using the graphic-novel style of drawing.

Draw or write (or do Both)

T or F

The school's athletes are called the Tadpoles.

T or F

While in Mr. Lander's car, Jordan tries to get the attention of his friends.

T or F

Jordan wanted to go to an art school.

T or F

The neighbourhood watch, Masha, thinks that Jordan is getting arrested.

True or False?

My Word in a Sentence:

Definition:

Synonym:

Antonym:

daunting

My Word:

My Word in a Sentence:

Definition:

Synonym:

Antonym:

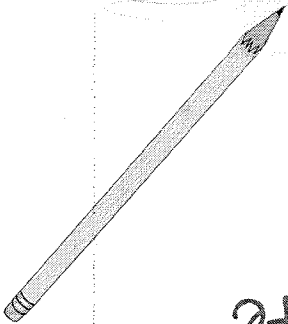
impression

My Word:

Fill in the charts:

vocabulary define and write

# Chapters 3-4



3. What deal did Jordan and his dad make about art school?

2. Why does Jordan think it was weird with Kirk when he was getting dropped off from his first day at school?

1. What does the first image in chapter 3 tell you (the lunchroom scene)? How does the author reveal this without using words?

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Jordan is going to try out for:

- A) The George Washington musical
- B) The soccer team
- C) The baseball team
- D) The lacrosse team

Jordan's favourite teacher is:

- A) Mr. Roche
- B) Mr. Garner
- C) Ms. Rawle
- D) He doesn't have a favourite teacher

At RAD, 7th graders are called:

- A) First Formers
- B) Second Formers
- C) Third Formers
- D) None of the above

What school did Jordan attend before RAD?

- A) St. Gabriel's
- B) Inwood School for Boys
- C) St. Harwell's
- D) Homestead School

### Multiple choice



# Getting to Know the Character!

Name of Character: Jordan Banks

In a short paragraph, describe this character using character traits (physical and personality).

Lined writing area for character description.

Draw the character!

Large empty box for drawing the character.

strengths

Box for listing character strengths.

weaknesses

Box for listing character weaknesses.

List this character's strengths and weaknesses.

Does this character remind you of any other literary character or someone in your own life? Explain.

Lined writing area for literary or personal comparisons.

Use all of the terms above in sentences of your own creation (except for the word you chose in the section above). Use each word in one sentence, or for a challenge, use multiple words in one sentence.

vocabulary: create your own sentences!

My Word in a Sentence:

Definition:

Antonym:

Synonym:

★ hors d'oeuvres

★ associate

★ escalated

My Word:



Choose one word to fill in the chart:

vocabulary define and write

# Chapters 5-6

3. Why does Drew get into trouble?

2. What does Drew think of Riverdale Academy?

1. Which stereotypes is Jordan's soccer coach struggling with?

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- D) Maury
- C) Jordan
- B) Drew
- A) Andy

for the football team?

Who gets the starting quarterback position

- D) Junior Varsity
- C) Thirds
- B) Lower Form B
- A) Lower Form A

Which soccer team does Jordan get on?

- D) Doughnuts
- C) Popsicles
- B) Protein shakes
- A) Eggs

team to help build energy?

What does Jordan's coach give the

### Multiple Choice



**Getting to Know the Character!**

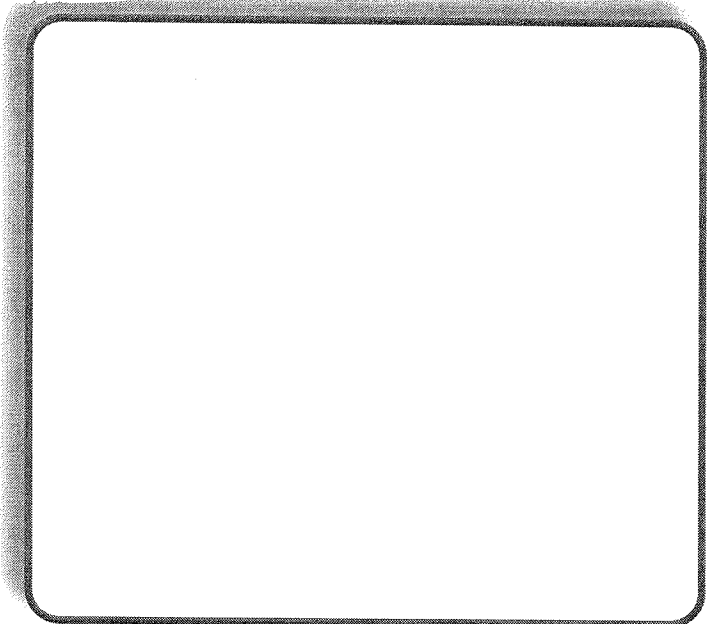
Name of Character: \_\_\_\_\_

Drew

In a short paragraph, describe this character using character traits (physical and personality).

Lined writing area for character description.

**Draw the character!**



strengths

weaknesses

List this character's strengths and weaknesses.

Two empty boxes for listing strengths and weaknesses.

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Lined writing area for literary or personal comparisons.

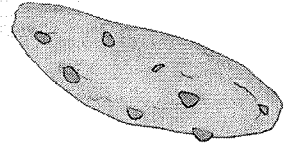
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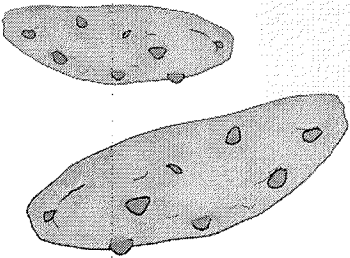
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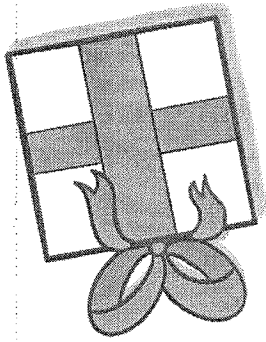
My Word:  
ASSUMPTION



Fill in the charts:

vocabulary define and write

# Chapters 7-8



Four horizontal lines for writing.

2. How do Jordan and Drew feel about their first day back from Thanksgiving break? Why?

Two horizontal lines for writing.

1. Why does Jordan feel the need to whisper the fact that Liam is white?

### Comprehension Questions

- A) Pumpkin
- B) Sweet potato
- C) Blueberry
- D) Strawberry

for his secret santa partner?

What kind of pie does Jordan bake

- A) Yonkers
- B) The New Kid
- C) The Handshake King
- D) George

call Jordan's grandpa?

What do the people at the senior center

- A) Andy
- B) Alexandra
- C) Ashley
- D) Maury

secret santa:

Drew thinks \_\_\_\_\_ has his name for

- A) Soccer balls
- B) Footballs
- C) Basketballs
- D) UFOs

shape of:

Drew's secret santa cookies are in the

### Multiple Choice

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vocabulary: create your own sentences!

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Definition:

Antonym:

Synonym:

My Word:

Choose one word to fill in the chart:

vocabulary Define and write

# Chapters 9-10

- ★ petrified
- ★ aura
- ★ vague



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3. How does Liam feel about Riverdale Academy?

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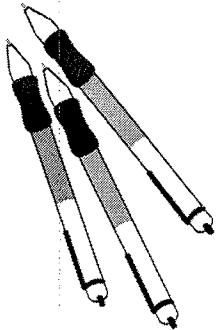
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1. What kind of struggle is Kirk facing at his new school?

2. How does Jordan's dad react to seeing Liam's house for the first time, and how does he feel afterwards?

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS



What does Jordan call Kirk?  
A) Pepper Steak  
B) Shrimp Lo Mein

C) Kirk  
D) None of the above

When Liam was in fourth grade, he used to hang out with:  
A) Drew  
B) Andy  
C) Maury  
D) Both B and C

What does Jordan want most for Christmas?  
A) A growth spurt  
B) The new NBA 2K game  
C) To go to a new school  
D) Socks

### MULTIPLE CHOICE



**Getting to Know the Character!**

Name of Character: \_\_\_\_\_

Liam

In a short paragraph, describe this character using character traits (physical and personality).

Lined writing area for character description.

**Draw the character!**

Large empty box for drawing the character.

weaknesses

Empty box for listing character weaknesses.

strengths

Empty box for listing character strengths.

List this character's strengths and weaknesses.

Does this character remind you of any other literary character or someone in your own life? Explain.

Lined writing area for explaining character connections.

# Chapters 11-12

vocabulary define and write

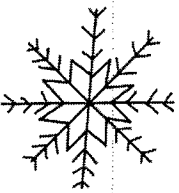
Fill in the charts:

My Word:

inherit

Synonym:

Antonym:



Definition:

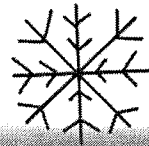
My Word in a Sentence:

My Word:

shortcomings

Synonym:

Antonym:



Definition:

My Word in a Sentence:

# Multiple Choice

In the sports world, a show-off is called a: The sport with the net and stick is called:

A) Hamburger

B) Hotdog

C) Show-off

D) Bragger

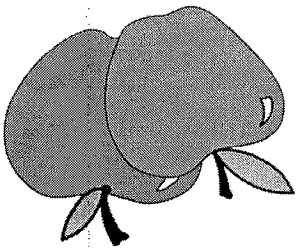
What is the baseball coach's name?

A) Kirk Butners

B) Kevin duddy

C) Jack doody

D) Jim Bumdoody



## Comprehension Questions

1. Why do so few students want to play on the baseball team?

2. How does financial aid work at Riverdale Academy?

3. Why is Collin being asked to leave the school?

4. Jordan often feels like he's falling. How does Jordan finally take control?

T or F

Andy doesn't get into trouble at all.

T or F

Deandre and Drew look nothing alike.

T or F

Ramon is Nicaraguan.

T or F

Ashley lies to Ms. Rawle.

T or F

The baseball team loses their first game of the season.

T or F

Jordan misses his soccer coach.

True or False?

None of the above - I don't like sports

Lacrosse

Fencing

Tennis

Crew (rowing)

Baseball

Which sport would you choose to play?

Random question!

Ride the Pine:

What does the following idiom mean? If you're not sure, use the Internet to help you.

An **idiom** is a group of words that mean something different from the meanings of the individual words. For example, "it cost me an arm and a leg." This idiom means that something is very expensive, not that the person actually has to pay with an arm and a leg!

Figurative Language

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vocabulary: create your own sentences!

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Definition:

Antonym:

Synonym:

My Word:

Choose one word to fill in the chart:

vocabulary define and write

# Chapters 13-14

- ★ ruckus
- ★ polemic
- ★ clash
- ★ mild-mannered
- ★ vigilante



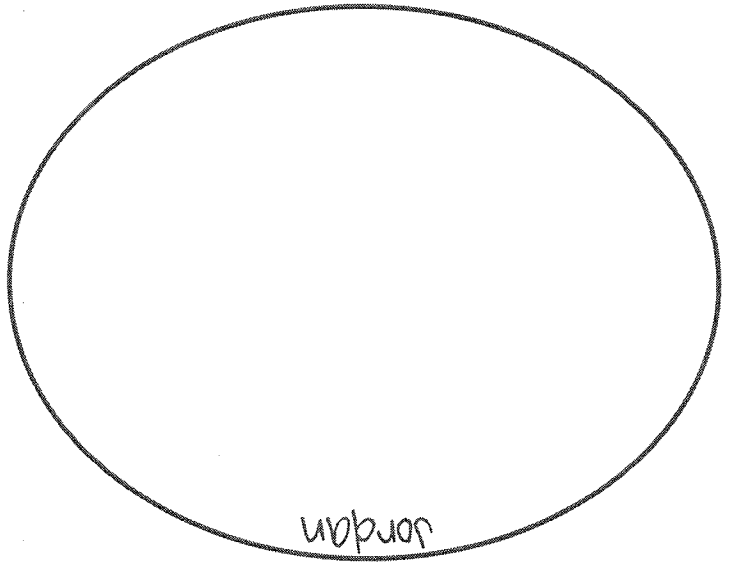
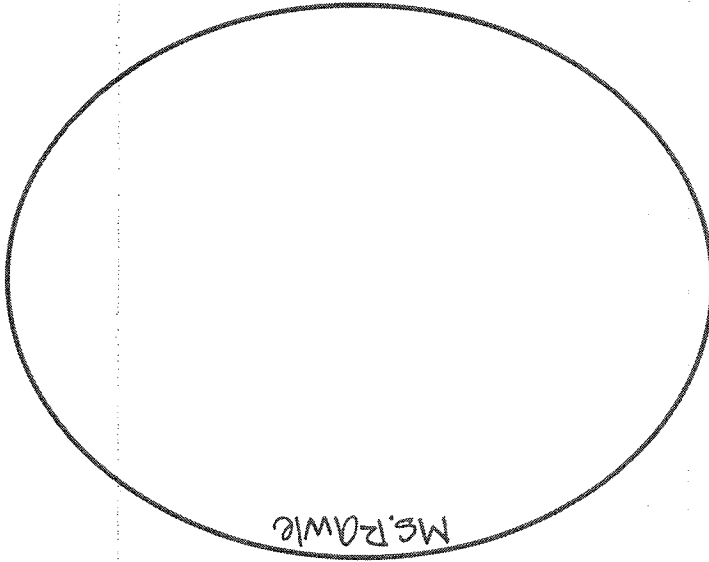
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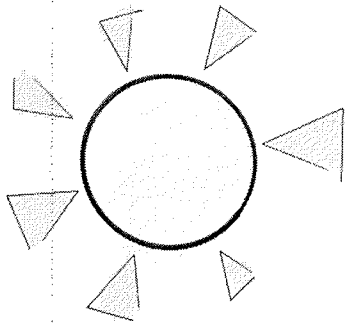
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2. According to Jordan, why is it such a big deal to get people's names right?



1. How does Jordan react to Ms. Rawle looking through his sketchbook? How does Ms. Rawle react?

### Comprehension Questions



What is the art teacher's name?

- A) Ms Henry
- B) Ms Collette
- C) Ms Slate
- D) Mr Thompson

The name of Alexandra's puppet is:

- A) Oliver
- B) Oscar
- C) Greg
- D) Twig

Who signs Andy's yearbook?

- A) Jordan
- B) Drew
- C) Alexandra
- D) Ruby

### Multiple Choice

Sentence 2:

Sentence 1:

Choose two of the above words and write your own sentences. (2 marks)

Vigilante

to increase very quickly

Shortcomings

a fault or failure to meet a certain standard

Vague

someone who illegally takes the law into their own hands

Assumption

an acceptance of something that is true or certain to happen without proof

Escalate

something that seems difficult to do, or intimidating

Daunting

having a great deal of variety

Stereotype

uncertain or unclear meaning

Diversity

a widely held, oversimplified idea of a person or thing

Use a dictionary to find the definitions of the following words. Then, match them up with their proper definitions. (8 marks)

**Vocabulary: (10 marks)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Kid  
End of Novel Test

**Comprehension (9 marks + 1 bonus mark)**

The school's athletes are called the Tappoles.

T or F

The Riverdale Landers' auditorium is named after Liam's father.

T or F

Everyone wants to sign Andy's yearbook.

T or F

When Liam was in fourth grade, he

What school did Jordan attend before

used to hang out with:

RAD?

A) Drew

A) St. Gabriel's

B) Andy

B) Inwood School for Boys

C) Maury

C) St. Harwell's

D) Both B and C

D) Homestead School

Jordan has many interesting qualities. List at least 4 interesting character traits that help to make him a great character. (4 marks)

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Bonus Point! Create your own multiple choice question using any topic or character from the novel.

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A)

B)

C)

D)