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1. PAGE 16 What kind of person is Joey Pigza?

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2. PAGE 41 What are some problems Joey is having?

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3. PAGE 51 Explain why Joey's mother is so upset.

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4. PAGE 66 Think about what you know about Joey from the whole book so far. What ideas do you have about him?

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5. PAGE 71 Why is this moment with the nurse important?

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6. PAGE 86 What does Maria's father think about children with special needs? What do *you* think?

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7. PAGE 102 What do you think the counselor means when he says, "It's time we look at the big picture."

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8. PAGE 108 What kind of person is Joey's mom? How does she affect him?

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9. PAGE 125 Using all you know about Joey and Grandma's relationship, explain the ways you think she has affected him.

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10. PAGE 143 Joey says, "I felt like Christmas was just a few days away even though it wasn't." What do you think he means?

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11. PAGE 148 When Ed says, "You've got to face the hand you're dealt and deal with it," what does he mean?

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12. PAGE 154 What lesson or lessons did you learn from reading this story?

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Reflection

Was this book easy, just right, or too hard? _____

How do you know? _____

Did you like this book? _____

Why or why not? _____

Would you choose another book like this from the library? _____

Why or why not? _____
