

Fourth Grade Rats

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Student Response Form

Student's name _____ Grade _____

Your teacher wants to learn more about you as a reader. Here are some directions to remember:

- ◆ Please complete this assessment on your own. Do not ask for help or use anything (dictionaries, websites, etc.) to help you.
- ◆ Each time you read, please fill in your reading log below.
- ◆ When you reach a page with a sticky note, read to the bottom of the page.
- ◆ Stop and answer the question on your response form. Include as much detail as you can from the book to support your answer. (It is fine to reread, but do not read ahead.)
- ◆ Put the sticky note back in the book.
- ◆ Keep reading!

READING LOG				
Date	Start Time	End Time	Start Page	End Page
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Teacher: Please fill out.

Total Time	Total Pages
	84

Total

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1. PAGE 14 Suds thinks, “. . . you would have thought she was a ten-foot cat and I was a mouse.” What does he mean?

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2. PAGE 18 Why is this chapter called “Number One”?

E P A I



3. PAGE 20 Think about how Mrs. Simms and Suds’s mom treat Suds. How does it make him feel and act?

E P A I



4. PAGE 28 Think about this scene between Suds and his father. What do you think Suds wants from his dad here?

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- 5.** PAGE 39 What have you learned from this story about what it means to be a boy and what it means to be a girl?

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- 6.** PAGE 39 What happens here? Why is Suds so mad at Joey?

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- 7.** PAGE 44 What does Suds mean in this scene when he says, "This lasted for about three hours"?

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8. PAGE 58 What kind of person is Judy Billings? How is she important to Suds?

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9. PAGE 60 What are Suds's problems in this story?

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10. PAGE 63 How is Suds changing?

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11. PAGE 66 Why does Judy want everyone at school to see the spider on Suds's arm?

E P A I



12. PAGE 77 What does Mrs. Peterson mean when she says Joey has "dropped out of the rat race and rejoined the human race"?

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13. PAGE 82 What is a lesson Suds learns in 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? _____
