

Sixth Grade Language Arts/Reading

1. What is theme of the novel? What specific examples from the text of the novel support the author's theme?
2. How does Heather change over the course of the novel? Provide specific examples. Do any other characters change? Who are they, and how do they change?
3. List three examples of figurative language used in the novel. Which example is your favorite and why?
4. Connotative language. Provide three examples of connotative language from the novel. Provide the literal meaning of the words as well as the connotative meaning. Why do you think the author chose those particular words?
5. Who is the protagonist in the novel? Who is the antagonist? Is there more than one antagonist? Why would an author want more than one antagonist in a novel?
6. What type of point-of-view does the author use? Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from this point-of-view?
7. Does the author use alliteration? Provide examples.
8. Does the author use onomatopoeia? Provide an example.

Writing Assignment:

Author Maureen Hardegree's favorite line from *Haint Misbehavin'* is the last one: "No way should anyone have to spend eternity with a wedgie" because she believes it reveals Heather's mindset and, she hopes, makes readers smile and want to read Heather's next ghostly adventure. List three lines that resonate for you from one of the four *Ghost Handler* novels (make sure you cite the title of the book and page number) and explain why you like those particular lines.