

MKA 6th - 8th Grade Summer 2014 Reading Assignment
Guided Reading Questions
***The Misfits* by James Howe**

Chapter 1:

- Why is Skeezie referred to as “that young hooligan?”
- What information do you know about Mr. Kellerman? What character trait could you give him based on his interactions with Bobby? Why do you think Bobby calls him Killer Man?

Chapter 2:

- Why do you think Bobby says that being tall and being intelligent fall on the plus side of the ledger if you happen to be a boy but are major liabilities if you are born into the world as a girl? What does he mean by that statement?
- Why do you think Bobby says that people are nervous that Joe acts more like a girl than like a boy? Does that make you nervous? Why or why not?
- Why doesn't Addie stand for the Pledge of Allegiance? Do you agree with her stance? Why or why not?

Chapter 3:

- What is Friday Forum?

Chapter 4:

- Who is Kevin Hennessey? How does he treat the other characters in the book?
- How does Addie get in trouble this chapter? Do you agree that she should be in trouble? Why or why not?

Chapter 5:

- Who is Pam? What does Bobby think of Pam?

Chapter 6:

- What did Mr. Kiley tell Addie about The Pledge? Do you agree with his opinion?
- What do you think *Popularity versus Principles* means? If you do not know what the words mean, please look them up in a dictionary.

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Chapter 7:

- What do we learn about Bobby's family in this chapter? How has his family changed over the years?

Chapter 8:

- What was the conversation between Addie and DuShawn?
- How did this conversation make you feel?
- How did DuShawn respond to Addie? How did Tonni respond to Addie? How would you have responded in this conversation?
- What do you think of Addie in this chapter?

Chapter 9:

- Do you think Freedom Party is the right name for the third party? Why or why not?
- Who is Kelsey Scoggins? What does Bobby think of her?
- What kind of person is Colin? What do we learn about him in this chapter?

Chapter 10:

- During the conversation in Chapter 10, which character do you agree with the most? Which character do you feel the most connected to in this chapter? Why?

Chapter 11:

- In the first paragraph, Bobby mentions that the next few days will change the course of his life. Make a prediction; what do you think will happen?

Chapter 12:

- According to Joe, why is it impossible to hate his parents?
- What does Joe tell Bobby during this chapter? What is Bobby's response? What would your response be?

Chapter 13:

- What does Mr. Kiley decide about the third party? Do you agree with his decision?

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Chapter 14:

- What is the new platform for the third party? Do you think this party will work?
- Have you ever called anyone one of the names on the list? Have you ever been called one of the names on the list? How has it made you feel?

Chapter 15:

- On page 144, what does DuShawn mean when he says, “And you got eyes that see no further than the color of my skin?” What do you think of Addie’s response?

Chapter 16:

- What is the group’s campaign plan?
- Who gets a note in their locker? What did the note say?

Chapter 17:

- Who does Addie have a crush on in school?

Chapter 18:

- What does Bobby talk about in this chapter? What do we learn about him and his family? How would you feel if you were in Bobby’s shoes?
- How does Bobby’s mother handle her illness differently than his father?
- At the end of the chapter, what would you have done if you were Bobby’s dad?

Chapter 19:

- How does Ms. Wyman feel about the No-Name Party? How do her feelings change?

Chapter 20:

- Why does Mr. Kellerman apologize to Bobby?
- How are Mr. Kellerman and Bobby similar? How are they different?

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Chapter 21:

- In the chapter, Bobbie wonders if all girls act like Addie, and Addie declares that she doesn't understand boys. Do you think this is a common concern in middle school? Do you agree with both of the characters?

Chapter 22:

- What does Bobby accomplish in this chapter?

Chapter 23:

- How does Skeezie come to the conclusion that DuShawn likes Addie?
- Why is Colin a mystery to Skeezie?

Chapter 24:

- Why does Addie think that Bobby should give the speech for the student council elections?
- How has Mr. Kellerman's behavior changed since he and Bobby spoke?

Chapter 25:

- How does Bobby's father behave in this chapter? Do you think he is a good dad? Why or why not?

Chapter 26:

- In his speech, Bobby says that name-calling links to the formation of one's identity. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- How did Bobby do with the speech? Would you have voted for him? Why or why not?

Chapter 27:

- How do the students react to the speech?
- Who wins the election?

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Chapter 28:

- What does Mr. Kiley tell The No-Name Calling Party?
- What does DuShawn ask Addie to do?
- What does Colin tell Joe?
- What does Bobby think makes a happy ending? Do you agree?

Chapter 29:

- Why does the group switch its name to “The Gang of Five?”

Chapter 30:

- How does each character’s future turn out?
- Do you agree with the author’s choices for the characters?