



CHAPTER QUIZZES FOR THE NOVEL
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Thank you so much for downloading this set of quizzes. I hope that you find them useful while you are teaching this award winning novel. I love reading this book with my students and think there are so many amazing moments that create aha-learning and also great discussion. I hope that your reading and discussions are improved by this resource.

Included in this product you will find a quiz for each chapter (or in the cases of some very short chapters, a quiz for a pair of chapters) as well as an answer key for each quiz. They are meant to be a quick comprehension/reading retention check-ins and focus mostly on recalling information with a few inference questions. You can dig deeper with other Rules products in my store (coming soon!).

Happy Teaching,

Amanda Zieba

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RULE

- A WRINKLE IN TIME
- BREAKOUT
- A LONG WALK TO WATER
- THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET (1/29)
- THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO COYOTE SUNRISE (2/5)
- MORE COMING SOON!



### **CHAPTER 1 QUIZ**

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- a, at an office downtown
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#### 4. Why did Jason stay up late the night before?

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### 2. Catherine drew fireworks for the "AWESOME" card, but what word would have been her first choice?

- a. Oreos
- b. CD player
- c. sunset
- d. sports car

#### 3. How many more cards does Catherine take to draw for Jason?

- a. None, she didn't like drawing word cards for him
- b. 7, the same as last time
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### 4. Which list includes the correct words that Catherine made for Jason's word cards?

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- 4. How does Catherine describe Kristi the first time she comes to her house?
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- a. selfish
- b. excited
- c. sad
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#### 2. What picture does Catherine draw for the word murky?

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- a. guitar
- b. poster of a famous musician
- c. saxophone
- d. she made him a CD of her favorite songs

#### 2. Who else does Jason invite to his birthday party?

- a. Catherine's whole family
- b. David and Kristi
- c. Ryan and Kristi
- d. Everyone in the therapy waiting room

#### 3. In 17 chapter, what does Jason do that he has never done before?

- a. Go to therapy before his therapist comes to get him
- b. Talk out loud
- c. Smiles when his therapist comes
- d. Doesn't show up for therapy

#### 4. Catherine feels "sneaky and wrong" about...

- a. leaving David in the car.
- b. giving a used guitar instead of a new one.
- c. going into Jason's bedroom.
- d. not helping Kristi decorate for the dance.

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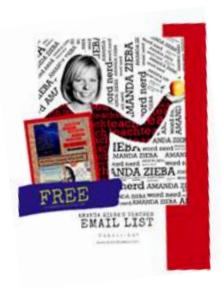
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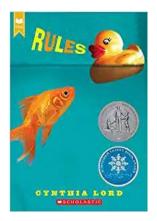
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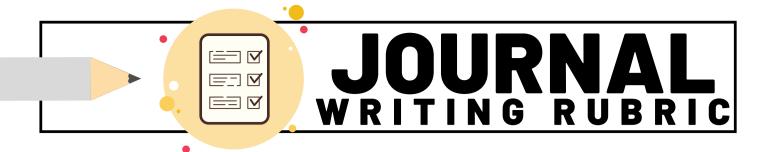
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- Take a minute to think before you start writing. Review what happened in the text, browse any text annotations you made, think about how you related to the characters' situation/emotions in today's scenes.
- Put your phone/chromebook/tablet away. Distractions can easily pull you out of the writing flow.
- If you feel like you are stuck or have nothing else to say, but we still have writing time left, re-read what you have written. This might inspire more ideas. Or, you can go back and add in details to your response that you did not include the first time around.
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Use this rubric to first communicate your writing expectations to students and then to evaluate the writing products they create. Students and/or peers can also use this rubric to self/peer score/evaluate the pieces of writing.

The rubric can be found at the bottom of each prompt for easy access for both you and your students, and also as a separate printable at the end of the resource.

I assign 2 points if the task was completed and done well, 1 point if the task was attempted but not mastered, and 0 points if the task was not attempted at all.

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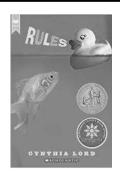
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Chapter 1: Catherine sometimes feels embarrassed about her brother's behavior. Can you relate to her? Why is it difficult to hold both love and frustration with a person in your head and heart at the same time?

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Chapter 2: Catherine enjoys spending time at the clinic with her mom because she gets her full attention. What is something you enjoy doing with a member of your family?		
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	hobby games	
	sports crafts	
	reading outdoors cooking	

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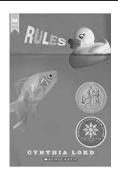
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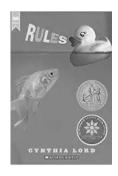
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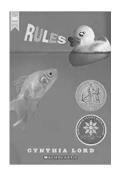
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Chapter 4: Catherine is nervous to talk to Jason because she has never met anyone like him before. Have you ever had a similar experience? What lessons did you learn from Catherine's/your own experiences?

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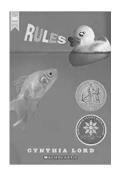
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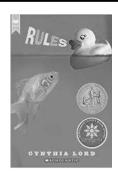
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Chapters 7: Catherine draws fireworks for the word "awes card. What image would you have drawn? What other work want on the cards if you were unable to speak?	
	<u>IDEAS</u>
	hobby games
	sports crafts
	reading outdoors
	cooking

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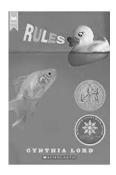
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Chapters 8: Chatherine uses her sketchbook to help her post happening in her life. What tools do you use to help you to experiences?	
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	meditating

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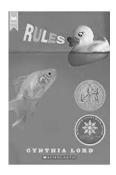
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Chapters 9-10: In today's reading we learn that Kristi volunteers at the community center. Tell about a volunteer experience you have had, or if you have never volunteered, where you might like to help out or donate your time.

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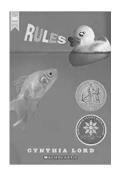
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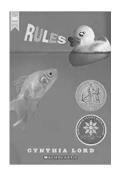
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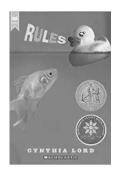
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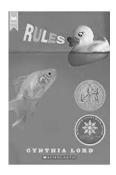
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Chapter 19/20: Catherine makes a wish that everyone gets the same chances in life. Explain what she means using examples from the book and/or your real life.

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Chapter 21/22 - Do you think Catherine is happier now, at the end of the book, than she was at the beginning, even though the summer didn't go as she hoped? Explain your reasoning.

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# EXTENDED WRITING OPPORTUNITIES



Use the prompts on the following pages as a free choice journal write in place of a chapter prompt or at the beginning/end of the novel.

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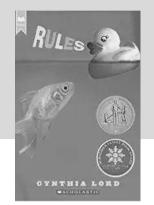
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### RULES



**Directions**: Look at the below statements and then choose your response: Agree, Neutral. Disagree. These statements will give you a few hints about the topics that will appear in the book, Rules by Cynthia Lord.

### STATEMENT MY RESPONSE AGREE NEUTRAL DISAGREE The words NORMAL and REGULAR are hurtful. Talking to someone who is different than I am is easy. Rules make life harder. Art is a form of communication. Making friends is easy. The oldest siblings have it the best. The youngest siblings have it the best.

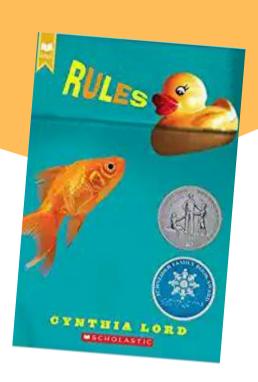
PICK ONE OF THE STATEMENTS ABOVE AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON IT HE	RE.



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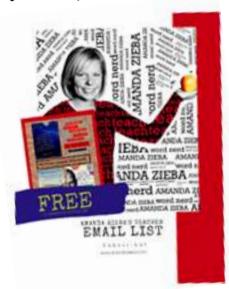
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