

Journal Your Thoughts

Please write in complete sentences using notebook paper.

1. In a world that does not work for her, what seems to cause the biggest frustrations for Melody?
2. Describe Melody's parents. How do they learn to communicate with Melody and help her overcome everyday problems? Why are those efforts sometimes a complete failure?
3. How does Melody feel about school? How does she fit in with her classmates and what makes her different from the rest of the children in H-5?
4. What role does Mrs. V play in Melody's development? Why is she a necessary addition to Melody's life?
5. What is significant about the story of Ollie the fish? How does Ollie's life mirror Melody's? Describe Melody's feelings when she is unable to tell her mother what really happened.
6. Why does Melody decide to enter the quiz team competition? What obstacles must she face and overcome just to get on the team?
7. What does Melody learn about friendship and the relationships of children working together as she practices and competes with the quiz team? What does she learn about herself?
8. Describe Melody's feelings before the trip to the airport, while she is there, and after she gets home.
9. Describe Melody's extreme range of emotions as she tries to tell her mother that Penny is behind the car. How did the scene make you feel?
10. Why is the first page repeated at the end of the book? How has Melody changed throughout the book?

Create a Storyboard

Be sure to include colorful illustrations and provide the explanations on the lines provided.

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