

Because of Winn-Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo

Chapters One and Two

We are introduced to Opal and a stray dog. We learn how they met and how Opal's father was convinced to let her keep the dog. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What did Opal go to the store to buy?

2. Why was the store manager so upset?

3. What did Opal do to keep the manager from calling the dog pound?

4. Why did Opal name the dog Winn-Dixie?

5. How did Opal's father remind her of a turtle?

6. Who did Opal tell her father she found at the grocery store?

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Chapters Three and Four

We learn about Opal and the preacher, and Opal convinces her father to tell her about her mother. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. In what way did Opal think that she and Winn-Dixie were alike?

2. How old was Opal when her mother left?

3. Why did Opal decide that there were ten things she wanted to know about her mother?

4. What was the eighth thing the preacher told Opal about her mother?

5. What was the tenth thing the preacher told Opal about her mother?

6. Why did Opal write down each of the things her father told her about her mother?

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Chapters Five and Six

Winn-Dixie goes to church and to the library. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. How does Opal know that Winn-Dixie does not like to be left alone?

2. Why do you think Opal can sympathize with Winn-Dixie?

3. What did Opal pray for the mouse?

4. Who was the first (human) friend Opal made in her new town?

5. For what kind of animal did the librarian mistake Winn-Dixie at first?

6. In what way did Opal say she was like her mother?

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Chapters Seven and Eight

Opal learns about Miss Franny and gets a job. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. How did Miss Franny come to own the library?

2. What book did Miss Franny use to chase away the bear?

3. What was Winn-Dixie's talent?

4. Why did Opal want a job at the pet shop?

5. Why did Otis decide to let her work there?

6. What will Sweetie Pie Thomas have to do when she turns six?

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Chapters Nine and Ten

Opal meets Gloria Dump and the Dewberry brothers. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What did Opal think the Dewberry boys looked like?

2. Why was it brave of Opal to go into the overgrown yard to find Winn-Dixie?

3. What was Winn-Dixie eating when Opal found him?

4. What do Gloria and Opal have in common?

5. Gloria's can't see well with her eyes. What does she use to see people with instead?

6. What kind of tree did Gloria give Opal?

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Chapters Eleven and Twelve

Winn-Dixie gets frightened and Opal learns about Otis. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. Of what does Winn-Dixie have a “pathological fear”?

2. How does Winn-Dixie show that he is very afraid?

3. Why was it hard for Opal to talk after her father said they would have to keep Winn-Dixie safe?

4. What did Opal discover when she first got to the pet store?

5. What was the only way to get the animals back in their cages?

6. Why did Otis feel sorry for the animals?

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Chapters Thirteen and Fourteen

Opal gets advice from Gloria Dump. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What was Opal's daily routine?

2. Why does Winn-Dixie like to visit Gloria Dump?

3. Why does Opal get so upset with the Dewberry boys?

4. What does Gloria Dump tell Opal about the Dewberry boys?

5. Why does Gloria Dump show Opal her tree?

6. Why are the bottles hanging from the tree?

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Chapters Fifteen and Sixteen

Opal learns about Littmus W. Block. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What did Miss Franny and Winn-Dixie have in common?

2. Why was Opal worried about Gloria Dump?

3. What did Opal decide to do to help Gloria Dump?

4. Why does Miss Franny tell a story about the Civil War?

5. Who was Littmus W. Block?

6. Why was it important for Opal to hear how Littmus W. Block had survived after losing everything he loved?

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Chapters Seventeen and Eighteen

Opal learns more about Amanda Wilkinson. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. Why did Littmus W. Block decide to build a candy factory?

2. What is the secret ingredient in the Littmus Lozenge?

3. How does the lozenge taste?

4. Why does Opal's father want her to apologize to Stevie Dewberry?

5. How does Opal think life is like a Littmus Lozenge?

6. Why is Amanda Wilkinson so "pinch faced"?

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Chapters Nineteen and Twenty

Opal learns more about Otis. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. How did Otis say the Littmus Lozenge tasted to him?

2. Why was Otis put in jail?

3. What did Sweetie Pie Thomas say the Littmus Lozenge tasted like to her?

4. How did Opal get the idea to have a party at Gloria Dump's house?

5. What did Gloria Dump say Opal had to do before she would agree to have the party?

6. What theme did Opal and Sweetie Pie want for the party?

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Chapters Twenty One and Twenty Two

Opal throws a party. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What did Opal and Gloria Dump make to eat for the party?

2. How did Opal know that Otis had arrived?

3. What did Otis bring to the party?

4. Why didn't Opal think the Dewberry boys would come to the party?

5. What did Opal mistake for a growling in Winn-Dixie's stomach?

6. Why did Amanda suggest that they go inside?

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Chapters Twenty Three and Twenty Four

Winn-Dixie disappears. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. How did Opal realize that Winn-Dixie was missing?

2. What advice did Gloria Dump give Opal before she left to look for Winn-Dixie?

3. Why did Sweetie Pie say Winn-Dixie couldn't be lost?

4. Who went with Opal to look for Winn-Dixie?

5. What was the real reason Opal was so upset when her father said they had to give up the search?

6. What was the one thing that Opal's father said he was thankful her mother left behind?

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Chapters Twenty Five and Twenty Six

Winn-Dixie is missing. The questions below relate to events in these chapters. Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. How did Opal's friends find Winn-Dixie?

2. Where had Winn-Dixie been hiding?

3. How did they get Winn-Dixie to come out?

4. Why did Opal say she probably wouldn't think of her mother as much anymore?

5. What did Dunlap do that surprised Opal?

6. How did Opal show that she wanted to be friends with Amanda?

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Answers

Student answers should be in complete sentences, and contain reasonable variations of the suggested answers below.

Chapters 1 and 2

1. macaroni and cheese, white rice, two tomatoes
2. because there was a dog in the store
3. she told the manager the dog was hers
4. because that was the name of the store and that's all she could think of
5. she thought he was always thinking and never stuck his head out into the world
6. a "less fortunate"

Chapters 3 and 4

1. they are both almost like orphans
2. three years old
3. one thing for each year she's been alive
4. she hated being a preacher's wife
5. she loved Opal very much
6. so that she wouldn't forget them

Chapters 5 and 6

1. he would pull all the cushions off the couch, pull the toilet paper off the roll, howl
2. she knows what it feels like to be left alone
3. that it would land on a soft piece of grass
4. Miss Franny Block
5. a bear
6. she likes to be told stories

Chapters 7 and 8

1. her father gave it to her for her birthday
2. *War and Peace*
3. smiling
4. to pay for a collar and leash
5. because Gertrude liked Winn-Dixie
6. she has to stop sucking on her knuckle

Chapters 9 and 10

1. bald-headed babies
2. because the boys said a witch lived there
3. peanut butter
4. terrible last names
5. her heart
6. a wait-and-see tree

Chapters 11 and 12

1. thunderstorms
2. runs back and forth and shakes
3. because she loved her father so much
4. all the animals out of their cages listening to the music
5. Otis had to keep playing his music
6. he knows what it's like to be locked up

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Chapters 13 and 14

1. get up early and go to Gertrude's Pets to hear the music
2. she gives him peanut butter
3. they kept calling Gloria a witch
4. they're just trying to make friends
5. to show her that even she had made mistakes
6. to keep the ghosts away

Chapters 15 and 16

1. she has fits like Winn-Dixie
2. she wondered who comforted her when she was upset
3. she decided to read a book to her
4. because Opal asked about *Gone with the Wind*
5. Franny's great-grandfather
6. because she has lost so much; she wants to know that she'll be okay

Chapters 17 and 18

1. because he wanted something sweet
2. sorrow
3. sweet and sad at the same time
4. Because she called him a bald-headed baby
5. the sweet and sad were all mixed up together and it's hard to separate them
6. because she misses her brother Carson

Chapters 19 and 20

1. like being in jail
2. he wouldn't stop playing his music
3. like not having a dog
4. from *Gone with the Wind*
5. she has to invite the Dewberry boys
6. a dog theme

Chapters 21 and 22

1. egg salad sandwiches and Dump Punch
2. she heard "Gertrude is a pretty bird."
3. pickles
4. she thought they'd be afraid to go to a party at a witch's house
5. thunder
6. she thought it was going to rain

Chapters 23 and 24

1. Gertrude squacked "Dog"
2. you can only love what you got while you got it
3. because he is too smart to get lost
4. her father
5. she felt he had given up on her mother, too
6. Opal

Chapters 25 and 26

1. they heard him sneeze
2. under Gloria's bed
3. Otis played his music
4. her heart doesn't feel as empty anymore
5. he gave her his hand to help her up
6. she grabbed her hand