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**YOU are the EXPERT
Comprehension Questions**

**Keep note of your classmates’ answers to the following questions.**

1. What do the gifts Charlie gives his friends reveal about their characters? What does Charlie’s use of music reveal about his character? What is the role of music in Charlie’s life? How do you think music helps people express thoughts or beliefs? You may relate back to Charlie. Please provide textual evidence from the novel.
2. Discuss Charlie’s relationship with school and friends. What are Charlie’s current relationships with his friends? How has he shown changes from the Charlie we met in the beginning of the novel? How does he interact with his peers and teachers? Which social situations are most revealing of his personality? Please provide textual evidence from the novel.
3. Refer to Charlie's discussion of the science experiment on page 50. How does the experiment connect with Patrick and Brad’s relationship? How do you feel about Patrick and Brad's relationship? Do you think Patrick is understanding of Brad's feelings? What chance at a relationship do they have? Do you think that you can have a 'true' relationship built on secrets? Please provide textual evidence from the novel.
4. What is the role of secrets and secret keeping in the novel? Which characters are keeping secrets, and why? How does keeping secrets prevent the characters from “participating” in real life? Please provide textual evidence from the novel.
5. Charlie mentions that his dad "had glory days once." First, explain what the “glory days” means. Then, what do you think Charlie's glory days will be? Do you think he is worried about not having any? Referring back to Charlie’s personality, what is the effect of not living in the moment on his development? Please provide textual evidence from the novel.
6. Think about the way Charlie idolizes Sam. Is he idolizing who she is or who he thinks she is? Is it true love or just infatuation? What does Charlie’s interaction with Sam reveal about his character? Please provide textual evidence from the novel.