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Our Lady of Grace

Grade 7

Summer Reading

Freak the Mighty

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To do:

- Complete attached handouts (front and back) after reading the book
 - This will be one of your first reading grades of the trimester.
 - The Idioms handout will be used as part of the first writing grade of the trimester.

Due September 6

We will review answers together.

Freak the Mighty Study Guide



Name _____ Period _____

Fill in the blank with the nicknames that Freak & Max used to refer to the characters or things:

Tony D. _____ or _____

Loretta Lee _____

Max _____

Kevin _____

Max's Dad _____

Max's Grandfather _____

Max's Grandmother _____

Kevin's Mother _____

Max's bedroom _____

Max & Kevin together _____

Answer the following questions about Max:

At the beginning of the book, Max is in LD classes. What does LD stand for?

Why does he leave the LD classes?

Max says he never had *what* until Freak came along?

What did Max witness his father doing?

(ch. 25) When Max says, "I don't know if this makes sense, but for a long time I felt like I was a balloon and somebody had let the air out of me," what is he talking about?

Answer the following questions about Kevin:

When Freak and Max were watching the fireworks, what did Freak call the explosions in the sky?

What is Freak's favorite story?

Freak fantasizes and creates adventures about what character that he has read about?

Idioms Illustrated

An **idiom** is a phrase with a meaning different from the words that make up the phrase. For example, "He is too big for his britches" can have the literal (real) meaning of a boy outgrowing his pants. However, as an idiom, the sentence means the boy acts too important.

Directions: Listed below are some idioms from *Freak the Mighty*. Illustrate each idiom in the box provided. On a separate sheet of paper, explain what each idiom means.

ants in the pants (p. 44)

chip off the old block
(pp. 100, 102)

quiet as a mouse (p. 102)

turned over a new leaf
(p. 106)

crime against humanity
(p. 111)

play our cards right (p. 117)

see the light (p. 118)

sit tight (p. 124)

worked like a charm
(p. 133)

judge a book by the cover
(p. 136)

accident of nature (p. 139)

spring has sprung (p. 141)

Freak's favorite food - When he wants more of this food, he says, "Please, sir, more gruel"? What happened while he was eating this food?

(ch. 9) What story does Freak tell about his Official Cub Scout Compass?

What does Freak tell Max he is getting at the Experimental Bionics Unit?

In which part of the hospital does Freak have to stay?

Dr. Spivak says that she could explain to Max in medical terms how Freak died, but instead she gives him a simple explanation. Why did Freak die?

Why did Kevin invent the fantasy of the bionic body?

Answer the following questions about Freak the Mighty:

What did Max and Freak wear when they went on the sewer quest?

What they find on the quest? Who did this lead them to meet?

When Freak tells Max to, "Go east mighty steed," what is Freak doing to Max?

How did Freak rescue Max from Killer Kane? What was Loretta's part in the rescue?

What does Max take to the hospital and play with outside Freak's window, hoping that Freak would see it? Max then leaves it on the end of Freak's bed.

What did Freak give to Max before he died? What did he want him to do with it?

Answer the following questions about Killer Kane:

How is Killer Kane out of prison?