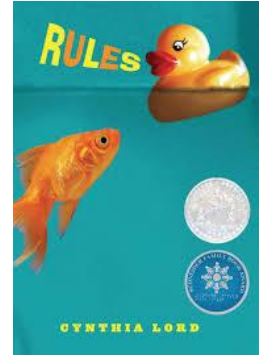


## Sixth Grade On Track Summer Reading

### ***Rules* by Cynthia Lord**

Twelve-year-old Catherine has high hopes for her summer vacation. Somehow, she cannot seem to escape being responsible for David, her autistic brother. In order to help David Catherine provides him with rules that everyone seems to know, but David needs to be taught. Life becomes more complicated when new neighbors move in, and Catherine wants to form a new friendship with Kiristi. Catherine also meets new children her age who have different obstacles. As the summer continues Catherine finds herself conflicted between her new friendships and her responsibilities to David.



#### **I. Applying Text Evidence**

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. Provide evidence from the text (including page number) to support your answers.

1. Who is Jason? Describe him.

Text evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mom wants to invite the new neighbors over for a barbeque. Why is Catherine hesitant to have them at their home?

Text evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why does Catherine miss Melissa?

Text evidence: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Inferences

An inference is a conclusion you make based on evidence from a text and your own background. An inference is not stated directly in the text, but these are important for complete reading comprehension.

| Text                                                                                                                                                | Inference                                                                                               |
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| Dad says, "No one cares, Catherine. Don't be so sensitive." Dad is wrong people do care.                                                            | What does this line tell you about Catherine's father? What does this tell you about Catherine?         |
| Grabbing my sketchbook, I flip to a blank page and write words, bearing down so hard the letters cut into the page. "Unfair. Cruel. Ruined. Murky." | Why is Catherine writing these words? What do you know about her mood, based on the way she is writing? |
| In chapter 13, Catherine states that she is jealous of her father's tomatoes.                                                                       | Is it really the tomatoes that cause Catherine to be hurt?                                              |