**Study Questions for Freak the Mighty**

DIRECTIONS: Answer in **complete sentences** on a clean sheet of notebook paper. Keep the questions and answers in your binder. Use these to study for the quizzes and the final test.

**Chapters 1-4**

**1. Who is telling the story? What is the point of view and how do you know?**

* Max is telling the story.
* It is first person point of view because he uses first person pronouns like I, me, my, and we.

**2. Describe the main setting of the novel**.

* The time is present day.
* The story takes place at Max’s house. Freak moves in next to Max. It is not a nice neighborhood because Max says they do not have a nice yard.

**3. Who are Grim and Gram? Why are they important to the novel?**

* Grim and Gram are Max’s grandparents.
* They are important to the story because they take care of him.

**4. What did Max retrieve from the tree for Freak? Why was Max impressed?**

* Freak’s ornithopter was stuck in the tree and he could not reach it because he was too short. Max retrieved it for Freak.
* Max is impressed because Freak built the ornithopter, which is a mechanical bird that actually flies.

**5. What observation does Max make about how Freak talks? What can you infer about Freak?**

* On page 13, Max says Freak talks like he is a dictionary.
* Max says he like to watch Freak talk because he is a good storyteller.
* From what Max said, I can infer that Freak is very smart and reads a lot.

**6. Kevin (Freak) is fascinated with the Legend of King Arthur. What is the *real reason* he is interested in knights? Write a quote from page 17-18 to prove your answer. Use quotation marks correctly.**

* Freak is interested in knights because he thinks they are invincible. His body is limited because it has not grown properly.
* Freak says on page 17, “The knights were the first human version of robots.”
* Freak says on page 18, “King Arthur wanted to improve his men, so he made them armor plated.”

**7. On page 20, what can you infer about Gwen’s reaction when she finds Kevin with Max? How does her reaction fit what Max already believes about himself? Explain with examples from the book**.

* I can infer that Gwen is very protective of Kevin. When she could not find him, she felt worried. When she saw him with Max, she was afraid because she did not know who Max was.
* Max has a negative image of himself. In the first chapter, he calls himself a “butthead” and a “big goon.” Max also said he “didn’t have a brain.” When Gwen is scared of him, it makes him feel like all of that is true.

**Chapters 5-7**

**8. People say Max is the “spitting image” of his father. Why is it bad for Max to look like him?**

* It is bad for Max to look like his father because his father is in prison. People assume that because Max looks like his dad that he acts like his dad also.

**9. Why does Max cry like a baby when he goes to bed after having dinner with Freak and Gwen?**

* Max cries like a baby after having dinner with Gwen and Freak because he finally feels normal. He now has a friend he can connect with. Max also felt better because Gwen apologized for hurting his feelings when they first met.

**10. Explain what happens to Freak and Max when they are walking to the millpond to see the fireworks. (Name the antagonist in your response.)**

* On the way to the millpond, Freak and Max run into Tony D., the neighborhood bully.

**11. Explain how Max’s size and Freak’s intelligence work together when they are chased by Tony D. and his gang. How are they dependent on each other?**

* Max’s size and Freak’s intelligence work together because they are able to escape Tony D. and his gang. Max is quick enough to move quickly to get away. Freak is the brain telling Max which way to go and what to do. They are dependent on each other because together they cover their weaknesses. Max is not smart, but Freak is. Freak cannot walk or run, but Max can.

**12. How do Freak and Max get out of the pond after escaping Tony D. and his gang?**

* Freak and Max get out of the pond when the police come and rescue them.

**Chapters 8-10**

**13. How do Grim and Gram treat Max differently after the millpond incident?**

* After the millpond incident, Grim and Gram see that Max can do something good. They call him “son”, and they give him coffee and ice cream.

**14. What has become a habit for Max and Freak when they go out together?**

* It is now a habit for Freak to ride on top of Max’s shoulders.

**15. Where is the first place Freak takes Max? Why is it an important place to Freak?**

* On their first adventure, Freak takes Max to the Medical Research Building. Freak tells Max he will be the first human robot. Freak believes robotics will help him with his disability.

**16. At the end of Chapter 9, what does Freak tell Max about pain? What does Freak tell Max about life? Write the quotes from page 53. What do these statements reveal about Freak?**

* On page 53, Freak says, “Pain is just a state of mind.” He says, “Life is dangerous.” These statements reveal that Freak is daring and courageous. He is willing to take risks even if something seems dangerous.

**17. How does Freak incorporate the King Arthur legends into their everyday adventures? Cite specific evidence from pages 44, 49, and 62.**

* On page 44, Freak says, “Get outta bed, you lazy beast! There are fair maidens to rescue! Dragons to slay!”
* On page 49, Freak says, “That’s the Castle of Avarice. Yonder lies the Bloated Moat.”
* On page 62, Freak says, “I’ll bet you anything she’s a damsel in distress.”

**18. What is the treasure in the storm drain? How did it get there?**

The treasure in the storm drain is a purse. It was stuffed in the sewer by one of Tony D.’s