

Use these questions as you read the book. They are due the day of the test for 50 points.

1. Who is the author of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*?
2. How would you list it on a bibliography? Write the MLA formatted citation for this book.
3. What makes this book an epistolary novel? What does this mean?
4. What is the setting of the book?
5. Explain what happens at the Guidance Counselor's office when Charlie is in middle school.
6. What happens between Charlie's sister and the boy who made her the "Autumn Leaves" mix tape?
7. Write some notes about "Nothing."
8. Write about what happens when the family watches television together in the letter dated September 18, 1991?
9. Why does Charlie's friend believe girls like a challenge when picking a boyfriend?
10. What is Charlie's teacher talking about when he says, "Charlie, we accept the love we think we deserve"?
11. What does Charlie say about his dad hitting him and his siblings?
12. What happened when Charlie's parents left his brother in charge when he was sixteen?
13. Discuss some things that happen when Charlie goes to Bob's for the first time. What is his and Patrick's "little secret"?
14. What is "smear the queer" and why does Charlie talk about it?
15. What does Charlie say about wanting to become a writer? What is his first "job"?

16. Explain the significance of the letter dated November 12, 1991.
17. What does Charlie say about the “glory days?”
18. What is the significance of the story tells about Michael sleeping over?
19. What does Charlie say about his grandfather in the letter dated November 23, 1991?
20. Besides presents, describe what else Charlie gets at the party on December 21, 1991?
21. Summarize the poem Charlie reads (and gives to Patrick) at the “Secret Santa” party.
22. When is Charlie’s birthday? What life-changing event happened on his birthday several years ago?
23. If Charlie is only a freshman, why is he old enough to take Driver’s Ed and get his license?
24. What happens in the story that Charlie’s father’s Uncle Phil tells about “Cookie’s Grandma’s” second husband?
25. What bad habit does Charlie pick up after the party in January? What happened at the party and afterwards?
26. What are at least two reasons Mary Elizabeth asks Charlie to the Sadie Hawkins’ dance?
27. Explain the situation that is happening when Charlie says it is the first time anyone has ever counted on him.
28. What book does Mary Elizabeth give to Charlie? Why does he return it?
29. Why does Patrick tell Charlie to “stay away for a while?”
30. Describe what happens in the lunchroom on May 8th.

***The Perks of Being a Wallflower* addresses many issues that teens face as a part of their adolescence. Make some notes about how Charlie (and other characters) deal with these issues. You may want to record the names of the characters who have these problems and/or how these characters must face them as a result of other characters' lives, roles, beliefs, choices and limitations.**

Social anxiety:

Dating:

Friendship:

Grades:

Teacher-student relationships:

Parent-child relationships:

Problems at home:

Divorce:

Violence:

Hazing:

Depression:

Suicide:

Death:

Physical abuse:

Sexual abuse:

Drug abuse:

Alcoholism:

Other:

The words below are on or near the pages indicated. Please look them up, write the sentence in which they are used and write the definition. Use this sheet when you study. Some of these words will be on your test.

P# Word

13 muttonchop

14 corpulent

14 jaundice

16 pragmatic

19 analysis

24 affirmation

25 provoking

29 concession

31 smug

35 paranoia

37 wallflower

42 Zen

45 rehabilitation

52 rugged

56 definitely

80 luminaria

82 denouncing

83 transcendental

86 auspicious

93 gyp

94 morbid

102 metaphoric

105 jaded

105 idealist

106 cynical

114 objectification

114 bourgeoisie

123 snippy

132 adroit

139 passive aggressive

144 ashen

146 karma

165 philosophical

183 retribution

197 closure

Make some notes about the characters from *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

Charlie

Michael

Charlie's brother

Charlie's sister

Charlie's father

Charlie's mother

Aunt Helen

Susan

Sean

Bill

Patrick

Sam

Bob

Brad

Mary Elizabeth

Craig

Charlie's grandfather

Alice

Charlie's grandma

Peter