

Discussion Question. Books are fun to share, especially when we take time to talk about what we've read. Here are some discussion-starters that can be shared after reading each chapter. We comprehend more of what we read when we stop and talk about details in what we've read.

Chapter # 1

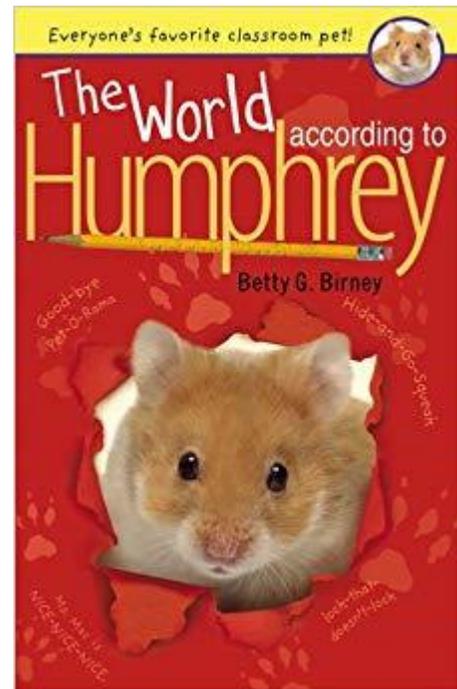
1. Discuss point of view. Who is telling the story?
2. How did Humphrey feel about living at the Pet-O-Rama Store?
3. How did Humphrey's life change when Ms. Mac bought Humphrey?
4. Describe Humphrey's cage.
5. Why does Humphrey like Ms. Mac?
6. Why do you think Ms. Mac left school after six weeks? Why didn't she take Humphrey with her?
7. What does Ms. Mac leave for the children to help them care for Humphrey?
8. How does Mrs. Brisbane feel about having Humphrey in her classroom?
9. What was Humphrey's secret?

Chapter # 2

1. How does Humphrey feel after Ms. Mac leaves?
2. What did the students learn about hamsters?
3. Compare and contrast Ms. Mac and Mrs. Brisbane.
4. What happened after school was over that day?
5. Who was Mr. Amato and how did he feel about Humphrey?

Chapter #3

1. What does Humphrey learn in school?
2. How does Mrs. Brisbane get Sayeh to speak in class?



3. What were "the two faces of Mrs. Brisbane"?
4. What did Aldo and Humphrey discuss?
5. What tips have you learned so far about caring for hamsters?

Chapter #4

1. How did the room mothers feel about Humphrey going to another classroom?
2. What was Mr. Morales's idea?
3. Describe what happened at Mr. Morales's home?
4. What secret did Mr. Morales tell Humphrey?

Chapter #5

1. How did Mr. Morales get his children to listen?
1. Explain the plan Heidi's mom discussed with the students.

2. What was Aldo's wish he shared with Humphrey?
3. How did Humphrey try to help Aldo?
4. What were tips #4 & #5 for caring for hamsters?

Chapter #6

1. Describe what Humphrey did to get Aldo to notice the newspaper clipping.
2. What surprise did the students get?
3. Who got to take Humphrey home for the weekend?

Chapter #7

1. What was Sayeh's secret?
2. How did Humphrey help Sayeh's family?

Chapter #8

1. On Halloween what did the students have to do to get treats?
2. What trick did Sayeh do?
3. Who won the prize for best costume?
4. What news did Aldo share with Humphrey?

Chapter #9

1. This chapter is called "The Art of Self-Defense". How does Humphrey defend himself at Miranda's house?
2. How did Humphrey protect himself from Clem?

Chapter #10

1. Why did Garth let Humphrey out of his cage?
2. How does Humphrey get back into his cage?
3. Why was Garth acting so strangely?
4. Why has Mrs. Brisbane not taken Humphrey home?
5. Why is Aldo so happy?

Chapter #11

1. Why is Lower-Your-Voice-A.J. so loud?
2. What did Humphrey do to solve the problem at A.J.'s house?
3. Discuss some more tips for caring for hamsters. (Spread through chapters 6-11)

Chapter #12

1. Why does Garth come over to A.J.'s house?
2. Did the Thomas family ever discover what happened to the T.V.?
3. Who was going to care for Humphrey over Thanksgiving vacation?

Chapter #13

1. Who is Bert and why is he so unhappy?
2. How does Mrs. Brisbane know that the students were doing a good job of caring for Humphrey?
3. How do the Brisbane's spend Thanksgiving?

Chapter #14

1. How did Humphrey help Mr. Brisbane?

Chapter #15

1. How does the story end? What were the surprises?
2. Does this story remind you of anything? What does it make you think about?

Check the back of your book for more discussion questions and "Humphrey's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans".

