

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment: *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

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## As you read the novel, notate the following:

1. Hi-light (in any color other than yellow) examples of figurative language, including simile, metaphor, and allusion
2. Draw a box around the introduction of each new character and underline any description. Keep a character list at the front of the novel.
3. Look for the following vocabulary words. Hi-light (in YELLOW) the sentence in which each appears and underline the sentence. Keep a vocabulary list w/page numbers at the back of your novel.
4. Mark the passages that answer the following study guide questions. (Hi-light in any color other than yellow). Write the question's number in the margin.

### Chapters 1-5

1. Where does the story take place?
2. What grade is Stargirl in?
3. What is the name of Kevin and Leo's show?
4. What did Stargirl sing to Alan during lunch?
5. Why was Stargirl dismissed from the cross country team?
6. Why couldn't the kids at school understand Stargirl?
7. Why did Leo stop following Stargirl around?
8. Why did Hillari try out for the cheerleading team?
9. What did Wayne Parr want to be in life?
10. What did Stargirl do during half-time at the football game that was different?
11. Even though students liked Stargirl, why were they afraid of her?

### Chapters 6-10

12. Why did Hillari warn Stargirl about her birthday? What did Stargirl do instead?
13. Why does Archie have bones everywhere?
14. How did Archie know Stargirl?
15. What did Hillari threaten to do with Stargirl's rat?
16. Why did people start flocking to Stargirl?
17. Why did kids start to color their hair purple and paint their nails green?
18. What did Stargirl do with the Pledge of Allegiance every morning?
19. Why did Stargirl go to people's funerals, sing happy birthday, and give cards?

### VOCABULARY

Marooned  
Variant  
Amok  
Shinny  
Dormant  
Pantomime  
Raucous  
Subdued  
Annihilated  
Crevices  
Lagging  
Gloating  
Primitive  
Esteem  
Timid  
Facetiously  
Shun  
Seething  
Mortified  
Dwindle  
Festooned  
Heft

## Chapters 11-15

20. Who did Stargirl cheer for during the basketball games?
21. Why did the bus leave Stargirl and the Red Rocks high school?
22. What did Stargirl pretend when she sat in the Hot Seat?
23. What is Stargirl's real name? Why did she change it?
24. How do the jurors treat Stargirl during the filming of Hot Seat?
25. What did Stargirl get hit in the face with during the basketball game?
26. Who was the note that Leo found in his notebook from?
27. How did Leo feel about the card signed from Stargirl?

## Chapters 16-20

28. What had the cheerleaders done to Stargirl?
29. What nickname did the girls give Leo?
30. When Leo went to Stargirl's house, where did he hide when she came outside?
31. What did Stargirl's enchanted place look like?
32. At her enchanted place, what did Stargirl do to help her feel like she was nothing?
33. What did Leo feel when he felt like nothing?
34. Why are the students in school giving Stargirl the silent treatment?
35. Why did Leo want Stargirl to be like everybody else?
36. What question did the cactus ask Leo?
37. How did Stargirl help Leo be a better person?
38. Who gave Leo the porcupine tie two years before?

## Chapters 21-33

39. How did Stargirl know what was going on in people's lives?
40. What's the "card game?"
41. What does Stargirl do with the pebble wagon under her bed?
42. Why is she taking pictures of the neighbor boy?
43. Why was being shunned so hard for Leo?
44. How did Leo treat Stargirl after school when she wanted to talk about her sign?
45. Why did Leo feel like he was invisible?
46. What was Leo's first reaction when he saw Susan?
47. How many happiness pebbles were in Susan's wagon?
48. Why is Dori mad at Stargirl?
49. Who was waiting to congratulate Susan when she got back to the school?
50. How does Stargirl arrive at the Ocotillo Ball?
51. What dance did Stargirl and the other students do all over the golf course?
52. Where had Stargirl moved to?
53. Where was Stargirl's "office?"
54. What did Archie do with Barney the skull?

Hi-lighted books are due the FIRST day of class.

You will need a composition book on the first day of class!

Have a GREAT summer 😊😊😊