

“The Friday Everything Changed” - Reflection Questions -

Each of the following questions is intended for you think deeply and generate well thought-out responses.

1. What does the line, “you might almost think at first glance, that you were looking at one of those real city schools – like in the health books – where all the kids were all so neat and all the same size,” reveal about the story. (pg. 4)
2. What is the author talking about in the line, “maybe it was because of something that wasn’t even there at all”? (pg. 4)
3. How are the boys consistently characterized? What does that say about the class and, likely, the culture the children were raised in?
4. Of the three reasons the boys liked carrying the water, the most important was “because it was something real.” Explain what this means. (pg. 5)
5. What do the students not seem to like River Hibbert?
6. What is the inciting incident in the story?
7. Using the information from the story, which perspective is the story told and who is the narrator?
8. How did the boys’ plan of picking on and bullying the girls actually benefit the girls?
9. What is important about the line, “Nothing in our experience had led us to believe the grown-ups had the slightest inkling – or interest – in what really went on with kids”? (pg. 9)
10. What point does Miss Ralston make when she hits the home run? How does this help explain the conflict in the story? (explain the conflict)