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?”

17. What does Charlie say about the “glory days?”

18. What is the significance of the story tells about Michael sleeping over?


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?”

31. What kinds of things does Patrick do after this incident to make himself “feel better” or become “numb?”

32. What is something that happens between Patrick and Charlie that may seem unexpected? How does Charlie react?

33. Where are all of his friends going to school next year? Name the colleges.

34. Who does Charlie spend time with once his best friends have gone?

35. What’s interesting about Charlie introducing himself to the guy whose locker was next to his?

36. Who invites Charlie over the Saturday after Prom? What does this person tell Charlie?

37. What makes Charlie uncomfortable during the conversation he has with his family before his sister’s graduation?

38. What does Charlie’s grandpa do at graduation that embarrasses the family? Who stops him and how?

39. Discuss what happens between Charlie and Sam when he is watching her pack for college.

40. Write about what is revealed in the epilogue and how Charlie responds to it.

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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:
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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