



8th Grade
SUMMER READING COMPREHENSION
GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

Book

“Unteachables”

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Chapters 1-3

1. What happens to Kiana as she is waiting on the bench in front of school?
2. What are the Unteachables doing when Kiana walks into the classroom?
3. Why is Mr. Kermit upset about the National Aptitude Test?
4. Which character struggles with reading in school?
5. What point of view is the story told from?

Chapters 4-6

1. What nickname do the Unteachables give Mr. Kermit?
2. What is Mateo really interested in?
3. How do you know?

Chapters 7-9

1. What does Miss Fountain invite the SCS-8 kids to do?
2. What does Jake Terranova do for a living?

Chapters 10-12

1. What prank does the SC-8 class pull on the substitute?
2. What does Barnstorm do to Aldo in the lunchroom?
3. What are some similarities and differences between Mr. Kermit and Mrs. Landsman?

Chapters 13-15

1. Where do Mr. Kermit, his students and the 1,008 vuvuzelas end up?
2. What happens to the class for stealing the vuvuzelas?
3. What are some similarities and differences between Miss Fountain's class and Mr. Kermit's class?

Chapters 16-18

1. Where does Miss Fountain want Mr. Kermit to take his class?
2. How does Kiana earn her first puffy tail from Mr. Kermit?
3. Is Mr. Kermit a static or a dynamic character?
4. How has Mr. Kermit changed from the start of the book to now, or has he stayed the same?

Chapters 19-21

1. What does Mr. Kermit realize at the mechanic shop?
2. What book does Mr. Kermit assign to his class?
3. What are some events that show that Mr. Kermit is turning back into the teacher he used to be?

Chapters 22-24

1. What does Article Twelve, Subsection Nine in the district contract say?
2. Who helped Kiana finally understand buoyancy?
3. What are some similarities and differences between Barnstorm and Karnosky?
4. What does Kiara finally understand that she didn't before?

Chapters 25-27

1. What does Mr. Kermit realize while walking around his classroom during the state science exam?
2. Who tells the students of SCS-8 about Mr. Kermit getting fired and why he got fired?

Chapters 28-30

1. Why does Miss Fountain show up at Mr. Kermit's home on a Saturday morning?
2. What is the title of the science fair project the SC-8 students did?
3. Who did the art work for the science fair project?
4. How does Mr. Kermit describe each student in Ch. 28?

Chapters 31-32

1. Why does Mr. Kermit get pulled over while driving his new car?
2. What does Mrs. Vargas show Mr. Kermit in her office?
3. What does Jake promise to do?
4. Why does Mr. Kermit go back to the school?
5. What two characters get engaged?
6. What are some of the challenges Mr. Kermit faced during the story?
7. Describe how the "Coco Nerd" looks now that the students have put work into it for the science fair project?