Sunny by Jason Reynolds
Chapter: 1

Vocabulary
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. Disturbed (p.4)

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Quote
“My brain a moon bounce at a party” (Reynolds 4).
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

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Short Response Questions
Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Based on just the first entry (pp. 1-2), describe the narrator, Sunny.

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2. An **alliteration** is a series of words where there is a repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of each word in a phrase (Ex. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers). Find an alliteration on page 2 of the book.

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3. What is the importance of the puzzles for the narrator?

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Longer Response Questions
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. What is the importance of the diary for the narrator? Why do you think Sunny calls his place to write a “diary” and not a “journal”?

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2. Onomatopoeia is a sound word (Ex. Buzz, Moo, Pow, etc.). Sunny relies heavily on onomatopoeia to explain his emotions. Why do you think he does this?

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Chapter: 2
Vocabulary
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. Scrolling (p.12)

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Other vocabulary words: Amniotic embolism (p. 11)

Quote
“But the thing is, the mile don’t have enough sound for me” (Reynolds 12).

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

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Short Response Questions
Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Describe the relationship that Sunny has with his father (Darryl)?

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2. What happened to Sunny’s mother?

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3. Why are Sunny and Darryl (his father) not talking?

Longer Response Questions
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why do you think that Sunny stopped running at the track meet?

Background Knowledge:
Rosa Parks
https://www.biography.com/activist/rosa-parks
Chapter: 3
Vocabulary
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. irony

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

Quote
“I just think maybe you deserve a day off to be as blank and closed as you want. I know I feel that way sometimes” (Reynolds 18).
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?
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Short Response Questions
Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Sunny is constantly thinking about noises. What is ironic about this diary entry?
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Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why do you think Sunny says, “Diary-ing’s not for Sundays” (Reynolds 18).
Chapter: 4
Vocabulary
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. discus (p. 47)

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2. disco (p. 47)

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Other vocabulary words: Return on Investment (ROI) (p. 19)

Quote
“And me saying that was like taking a heavy cat, a lion, off my back-digging the claws out-and shoving it along with the other cat right back in Darryl’s mouth” (Reynolds 51).
*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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Short Response Questions
Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Who is Fish? How did he get his name?

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2. How did Aurelia know Sunny’s mother?

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Longer Response Questions
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why does the quiet of Sunny’s house bother him so much?

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2. Darryl and Sunny put puzzles together. What does the act of putting the puzzles together symbolize in the novel?

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Background Knowledge:
William Shakespeare
https://www.biography.com/writer/william-shakespeare

Romeo & Juliet

West Side Story
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBTzjbyagIQ
Cher
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZXRV4MezEw
Chapter: 5  
Vocabulary  
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. stop-motion animation (p. 69)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

**Quote**

“Actually, Diary, you don’t know Coach, but if you did, you’d know that sometimes he be speaking in Shakespeare” (Reynolds 74).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. Why do Aurelia & Sunny go to the hospital on Thursdays?

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2. What does Sunny’s grandfather, Gramps, do?

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Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. On p. 72, you will notice that Sunny crosses out the word “also” in his diary. Why do you think he crosses this word out?

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2. Why do you think Darryl is crying in this chapter?

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Background Knowledge:

Soul Train

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXbP4JBF8To
Chapter: 6
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. allegro (p. 87)

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2. prancing (p. 87)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

Quote

“It is as if my father’s throat had become a revved motor, as if his eyes had become headlights, as if he had become something that would run me over. And he never has, but...never again” (Reynold 80).

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

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Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Describe Baraka.

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2. Describe Sunny’s discus practices.

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Longer Response Questions

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. What does Sunny mean when he says, “But when do I get to run MY race” (Reynolds 90)?

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2. Why did seeing *Baraka* have such an impact on Sunny?

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**Background Knowledge:**

*Baraka*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSfFHxyYJJA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSfFHxyYJJA)

Barack Obama

[https://barackobama.com/about/](https://barackobama.com/about/)
Chapter: 7  
Vocabulary  
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. Heimlich maneuver (p. 97)

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2. Endurance (p. 107)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

*Quote*

“And I wish we weren’t like statues with no arms. I wish we weren’t like puzzles” (Reynolds 126).  
*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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*Short Response Questions*  
*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. Describe the biscuit incident.

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2. What happened to Mr. Rufus?

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Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Does Sunny blame his mother for his problems? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

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2. Why does Sunny not feel like part of the team (The Defenders)?

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Chapter: 8
Vocabulary
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. Polaroid (p. 137)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

Quote
“We were two S’s. SS, lying side by side. Ships finally docked in the night” (Reynolds 131).
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?
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Short Response Questions
Please respond with one/two sentences

1. What “secret” does Darryl tell Sunny? What “secret” does Sunny tell Darryl?
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2. What is the importance of the Chinese restaurant?
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Longer Response Questions
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1. Why are Sunny and Darryl finally able to talk?

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2. Why did Darryl take all of Sunny’s ribbons and place them in a pillow on his bed?

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Vocabulary
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. experimental (p. 148)

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2. hideous (p. 155)

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Other vocabulary words: sector lines (p. 157)

**Quote**

“I am not a murderer. I am not a hurricane. Nothing is wrong with me” (Reynolds 159).

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. How is Sunny’s birthday this year different from previous years?

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2. What also happened on the same day of the track meet?

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Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. What does the green star represent for Sunny?

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2. How is Sunny’s journey of becoming a discus thrower similar to his journey throughout the novel?