The Chalk Box Kid

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<u>The Room – Chapter 1</u>

- 1. With whom did Gregory stay on his birthday?
- 2. What had his parents been doing all day?
- 3. Why didn't they let Gregory go with them?
- 4. What did Gregory do as they drove to the new house?
- 5. Why did they have to move?
- 6. What size was the yard at the new house?
- 7. What was Gregory's birthday present from his parents?
- 8. Before it was his bedroom, the room had been a
- 9. Why did Gregory think this was the best birthday he had ever had?

<u>Uncle Max – Chapter 2</u>

- 1. What pictures did Gregory paint with his watercolors?
- 2. Why did he ask for thumbtacks?
- 3. Who was coming to visit them?
- 4. What kind of building did Gregory see in the neighborhood?
- 5. Which school did Gregory attend?
- 6. Write at least three things you learned about Uncle Max.
- 7. What name did Uncle Max call Gregory?
- 8. What was different about Gregory's room when he came back?
- 9. Why didn't Gregory like Uncle Max?

The New School – Chapter 3

- 1. What did Gregory's parents do for a living?
- 2. Who was his new teacher?
- 3. What did Gregory tell the class about his old school?
- 4. Why did Vance argue with him?
- 5. What happened to the pictures Gregory had put on his bedroom wall?
- 6. What did Gregory want to do with Uncle Max's posters?
- 7. How many walls did the burned building have?
- 8. What did Gregory do that made him feel better?

The Burned Building – Chapter 4

- 1. Who was the special person Gregory met in art class?
- 2. Why did he think she was so special?
- 3. Why was Gregory unhappy with the picture of the castle he drew?
- 4. Name three things that Uncle Max did at the house.
- 5. Where did Gregory go every day after school?
- 6. What did Gregory find in the burned building?
- 7. What did the owner do after the building burned?
- 8. What two pictures did Gregory draw on the walls first?

A Party - Chapter 5

- 1. Why was there a party for Ivy?
- 2. How many pictures had been entered in the art contest?
- 3. Why did Ivy not want to accept the prize?
- 4. What covered the outside of the case?
- 5. What was inside the case?
- 6. What questions did Mother ask Gregory that night?
- 7. Why was Gregory unhappy in the new school?
- 8. What did Mother tell him about going to a new school?

Mr. Hiller – Chapter 6

- 1. Where did Mr. Hiller work?
- 2. What did he do as he talked to the class?
- 3. What did he promise to bring them next week?
- 4. Why would it be impossible for Gregory to plant a real garden?
- 5. What did Gregory draw on the wall that day when he returned from school?
- 6. When did Mr. Hiller return to the school?
- 7. What kind of seed did Ivy choose?
- 8. What did Gregory say when asked if he wanted some plants?

<u>Gregory's Garden – Chapter 7</u>

- 1. Why did Gregory erase the ship and the alligator?
- 2. Where did the path lead in his garden?
- 3. What did his father want from a garden?
- 4. What did Gregory tell Ivy and Miss Perry he had in his garden?
- 5. Why did he take the ladder out of his garage?
- 6. Why was he worried when he heard it raining during the night?

- 7. What did he tell Vance about the location of the garden?
- 8. What do you think the boys and girls were talking about in the last paragraph?

"Nothing At All" - Chapter 8

- 1. Gregory heard footsteps. Who was there?
- 2. Who was their leader?
- 3. Who said, "It's nothing at all"?
- 4. Who was the last person to leave?
- 5. What had Mother made for dessert that night?
- 6. Why didn't Gregory want dessert?
- 7. What did the kids think Gregory was doing?
- 8. What did Gregory say he was doing?

Ivy and Richard – Chapter 9

- 1. Why did Ivy think the paints should be given to Gregory?
- 2. What kind of garden did Gregory have?
- 3. What did Mrs. Perry say about the leather case?
- 4. How did his teachers feel about his garden when they saw it?
- 5. Where did Gregory get his idea for the garden?
- 6. Why did Daddy want new clothes for Gregory?
- 7. What happened to Uncle Max's posters?
- 8. What did Mr. Hiller do with the picture he took of Gregory's garden?
- 9. Why did Gregory pile up bricks?