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STARGIRL STUDY GUIDE

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Porcupine Tie

1. Why is a porcupine tie important to Leo (narrator)?
2. Why is hard for him to create a collection?
3. How does anyone find out about his hobby?
4. What does it mean that someone left the present on his front step?

Chapter 1

1. Why do people get so interested in seeing the new girl?
2. What is her name?
3. What kind of instrument does she have?
4. Why is what she's wearing seem so strange?
5. How does the lunchroom react to her?
6. How do you think she feels about their reactions?
7. What difference does it make that she might have been "homeschooled?"
8. What is *Hot Seat*?
9. What does she do when she's finished eating?

Chapter 2

1. Why does Hillari Kimble think Stargirl is fake?
2. Why does everyone else, except Leo, want to agree with Hillari?
3. What does she wear this time to school?
4. What's different about her face and hair?
5. What does she do in the lunchroom this time?
6. How does Alan react?
7. Why does Kevin think she's in trouble?
8. What does "nonconformity" mean?
9. What is good and bad about nonconformity?
10. What other costumes does Stargirl wear to school?
11. Describe three other strange things she does at school.
12. What does Leo realize about her? Why?

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Chapter 3

1. Why are Kevin and Leo fighting?
2. Why do you think Leo is acting this way?
3. What kinds of cactus do they agree on?
4. What different jobs in television do they want?
5. What does their choice of job say about them as people?
6. What are the ten theories Hillari and others have come up with to explain why Stargirl acts like she does?
7. What does Stargirl do with her desk at school?
8. Contradictions are two things that don't go together. What are some of the contradictions about Stargirl that are described here? (Find at least 3)
9. Why does Leo follow her?
10. What things does he see her do?
11. Why does he turn around and run home?

Chapter 4

1. What three things is Hillari Kimble known for? Explain each one.
2. Why was what Wayne Parr did important to people?
3. In what way does Wayne answer the *Hot Seat* question incorrectly?
4. What does that say about him?
5. What is his ultimate goal?

Chapter 5

1. Describe what happens during the halftime of the football game (at least 3 different things *she* does).
2. Why did more people come to the second game?
3. Why was the crowd more responsive to the cheerleaders/
4. What surprising thing happens the next day?
5. What does everyone wonder about?
6. In what ways does Stargirl change?
7. In what ways does she stay the same?
8. What happens on Halloween?
9. Why does no one get too close to her though?
10. What's the big event coming up?

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Chapter 6

1. What does Hillari do at lunch? Why?
2. What does Stargirl do? Why?
3. What does she do and say when asked, “why him?”
4. How does Leo feel about it?
5. Does this affect who might have given him the tie?

Chapter 7

1. Describe “Archie.” Who is he? What does he do? What is he like?
2. What or who is Señor Saguaro?
3. What are some of the other names Stargirl has used?
4. Why does she use different names?
5. What does Archie mean by *She is, I think, who we really are. Or were.* ?
6. Where does her father work?
7. Why did Leo think it would be more exotic or strange?
8. *Rara avis* means “rare bird.” Why does he say this?

Chapter 8

1. How does Stargirl cheer differently than the other cheerleaders?
2. Why did the newspaper call her “the best athlete on the field?”
3. Describe the Hillari Kimble backlash.
4. What happened with Dori Dilson?
5. What do people start doing the same as Stargirl? Why?
6. What happens at the oratorical contest?
7. Why are they so happy for her?

Chapter 9

1. What do mud frogs have to do with the students of Mica High School?
2. Why does Leo say it’s a miracle?
3. Why does Archie say he hope it isn’t?
4. What does Leo say about “bad times?” What does he mean?

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Chapter 10

1. Why does Leo change his mind about her being on the *Hot Seat*?
2. How does Stargirl say the Pledge of Allegiance?
3. Why does Mrs. Grisdale get so upset?
4. Do you agree she should have been so angry?
5. What happened with Danny Pike and the bicycle?
6. Why do the Pikes get so mad about it?
7. What happens to the bike?
8. Who do you think got the bike? Why?

Chapter 11

1. What kind of things does Stargirl cheer besides basketball?
2. What's wrong with it?
3. Why do the Electron fans start booing the other side?
4. Why does Stargirl stay outside and chat with the bus driver during a game?
5. Why do the cheerleaders and the team decide to trick her?
6. How do they do it?

Chapter 12

1. Describe how *Hot Seat* works (at least 4 descriptions/explanations)
2. Why is one of the cameras called "Chico?"
3. What is Leo's secret? Why?
4. What does Stargirl do when Kevin mentions the *Hot Seat*?
5. What does Cinnamon do?
6. What does the jury do?

Chapter 13

1. How does Stargirl explain changing her name?
2. What's her reason for cheering for the other team?
3. Does it make sense to you?
4. Who does she root for?
5. Why does the jury react the way they do?
6. What happens to the show?

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Chapter 14

1. What is everyone waiting to see happen?
2. What does happen?
3. What happens to Ron Kovacs?
4. What does Stargirl do?
5. At the Glendale game, why does Stargirl keep cheering?
6. What does someone do to her? Why?
7. What does Leo find at home?

Chapter 15

1. Why is Leo so worried?
2. Why won't he talk to her in the lunchroom?
3. Why does he keep reading and reading the card?
4. Why does he drive almost to her house?

Chapter 16

1. What does Leo finally do?
2. What does Kevin say about it?
3. Do you think he's right?
4. Why does her smile affect Leo so much?
5. What does Leo learn happened?
6. What do the chorus of girls call him?
7. What is his reaction? Why?
8. Where does he go? Why?
9. What does Stargirl tell him she'd never have let him do?
10. How does Leo get acquainted with Cinnamon?

Chapter 17

1. What is Leo feeling like at the beginning of the chapter?
2. Why does he hide?
3. Where does she take him? Why?
4. Why does he say it was the rat he was after?
5. What does she say about screaming?
6. What is Leo's answer?
7. Why does she want to do nothing?

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8. Does he make it to being nothing?
9. What does she say afterwards? Why?

Chapter 18

1. What does Leo mean by “they were the only ones in school?”
2. What does he finally notice going on?
3. What is Kevin’s explanation?
4. Who are “they” or “them?”
5. What do “they” blame her for?
6. What is Leo’s reaction? Why?

Chapter 19

1. What is “shunning?”
2. What is Archie’s answer to Leo’s problem?
3. Why does Leo say it’s complicated? How is it?
4. What question does Leo ask about Stargirl that Archie finishes for him?
5. What is the place Archie says we all “inhabit” or live in?
6. What is the one question it “all boils down to?”
7. Why doesn’t Leo want to answer it?

Chapter 20

1. What happens when Stargirl’s winning the district oratorical contest is announced? Why?
2. How does Stargirl practice her speech?
3. Name three things that she shows to Leo?
4. Name the headlines she would use if she was the newspaper’s editor?
5. What does Leo want to be?
6. What does Stargirl want to be? Why?
7. What does she do with the plant? Why?
8. What does Leo figure out?
9. Where did the tie come from?
10. How long ago was it?
11. Why does she think “getting credit” doesn’t matter?

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Chapter 21

1. How does Stargirl find out about the things going on with people?
2. Why does she love “fillers”?
3. Where else does she find out things?
4. How many billboards are there so far?
5. What is Stargirl’s “card game?”
6. How does she feel about “change?”
7. What does she do with it? Why?
8. What does she invite Leo to?

Chapter 22

1. What does Leo expect to find about her parents?
2. What is the truth?
3. Why does her room surprise him?
4. Why does she have an office?
5. Where is it?
6. Why does she have a bowl full of hair?
7. What is the wagon for?
8. How many has it ever had? When?
9. How few has it had? Why?
10. What does she have for dinner? Why?
11. Why does she take pictures of the kids playing?
12. What does he ask her but she regrets?
13. Why is he “amazed?”
14. Why does she say Leo is jealous?
15. What does she do about it?

Chapter 23

1. Why is it so much better for Leo when they are alone?
2. Why doesn’t he like Mondays?
3. What things do people start saying about her so Leo can hear?
4. Why does Leo start getting angry?

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Chapter 24

1. What does Stargirl do next?
2. What does Leo say his first reaction is? His second?
3. What happens to the sign?
4. What his reaction when he sees Stargirl? Why?
5. What does he mean by the “full impact of the sign?”
6. What was/is his crime?
7. Why is it a crime?

Chapter 25

1. What does Leo tell her is the problem?
2. Does she understand him? Why or why not?
3. “I didn’t think. I just did.” What does she mean?
4. List 4 or 5 of things Leo tries to explain to her in the next couple of days.
5. Is Leo right or wrong? Explain.
6. What happens at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 26

1. Who is Susan?
2. What’s different about her?
3. Why is Leo so happy?
4. What kind of shopping is Susan into?
5. Who is Evelyn Everybody?
6. Does her change work? Does everyone like her now? Why or why not?
7. How many stones are in her happy wagon?
8. What does she try next? Does it work? Why or why not?
9. What is her “vision?”

Chapter 27

1. What two people does Susan take with her to the state contest?
2. Why is Dori Dilson mad at her?
3. Do you agree or disagree with Dori? Explain.
4. What is Susan’s feeling about the contest?
5. What is Leo’s?
6. What did Archie tell her about mockingbirds?

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Chapter 28

1. What version of her speech does she do for the first part of the contest?
2. Why does it surprise Leo?
3. Describe 3 things that were in her speech.
4. What does she do for her final speech?
5. "Can you hear it?" Hear what?

Chapter 29

1. What does Susan think is going to happen when they get home?
2. Why is Dori crying?

Chapter 30

1. What does Stargirl decide to give up on?
2. Do you think she's made the right decision?
3. What does it mean to live in a world of *them*?
4. Why does Leo pull the shade down on his window?
5. What sting does Leo talk about feeling?
6. What does it sting?
7. Who are the Ukee Dooks?
8. Why does Leo leave school by another door?

Chapter 31

1. Does Leo ask Stargirl to Ocotillio Ball? Why or why not?
2. Who does he go with?
3. Does Stargirl go? With whom? How?
4. What are some of the people at the Ball uneasy when she looks at them?
5. Who does she dance with at first?
6. Why is this strange?
7. Who dances with her next?
8. Who leads the bunny hop? Who doesn't do it at all?
9. Why does Hillari get so angry?
10. What does Hillari finally do to Stargirl?
11. What does Stargirl do back?

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Chapter 32

1. How old is Leo as he is telling this story to us? (First line of chapter)
2. What does Archie show to Leo?
3. What surprises Leo about it?
4. What's an oxymoron? Give two examples of one.
5. What does Archie mean by a "lovely treason?"

Chapter 33

1. What happens on Leo's last visit to Archie?
2. What does Leo do for a living? Why?
3. Why is burying Barney important?
4. What happens the next time Leo comes?
5. What now occupies Stargirl's enchanted place?

More Than Stars

1. What does Kevin do for a living? Why does that fit him?
2. What's the most common question at the high school reunions?
3. What happened to Hillari and Wayne?
4. What is unusual about Mica High's Marching Band?
5. What is the club at the school? What is its requirement?
6. Why doesn't Leo feel alone?
7. Why did he never marry?
8. What does he get one day before his birthday?
9. What does it maybe mean?