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8th grade Summer Reading Information

Happy Summer!!!

In this packet you will find a Middle School supply list and summer reading packet. Incoming 8th graders will read "Freak the Mighty" by Rodman Philbrick. This is a great book for 8th graders. It's about two boys that form an unlikely friendship and experience life's challenges together. This is a great read for middle schoolers as they navigate through the challenges of making friends, struggling with confidence and allowing themselves to persevere through it all by relying on God and the people around them.

It's recommended that students read each chapter and complete the handouts for the chapter after reading it. Often students will read the book entirely and then complete the handouts. That is not the best or most effective way of gaining full comprehension of the text.

Upon returning to school after summer break, students will turn in the summer reading packet on the 1st full day of school. They will also take a reading comprehension test over the book on the 2nd full day of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [sweakley@tiptonchristianacademy.com](mailto:sweakley@tiptonchristianacademy.com). I look forward to seeing the kids in August and hearing all about their summer adventures!!

Thanks so much,

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TCA Middle School Supply List 2024-2025

3- 2 inch binders- will use for 1/2 period, 3/4 period, and 5/7 period

Zippered pouch for supplies

Pens- red pens for grading and any others they need, pencils, highlighters

Locker Basket for supplies-mini milk crates from Wal-Mart work best

1- 6 pack of tabbed dividers (with pocket)

6 packs of notebook paper (looseleaf)

2 composition notebooks (1 for Bible and 1 for English)

A Bible- (ESV is preferred) any standard translation will work, but we memorize from ESV exclusively (Not The Message Bible or Passion Translation)

TI-30 Calculator

Copy Paper

Tissue

Wish List Items

Extra pens/pencils

Notecards

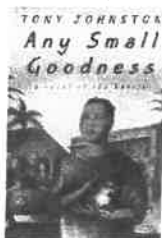
Dry erase markers- Girls

Hand Sanitizer-Girls

Paper towels- Boys

Clorox wipes- Boys

Book to purchase for Summer Reading:



Incoming 6th



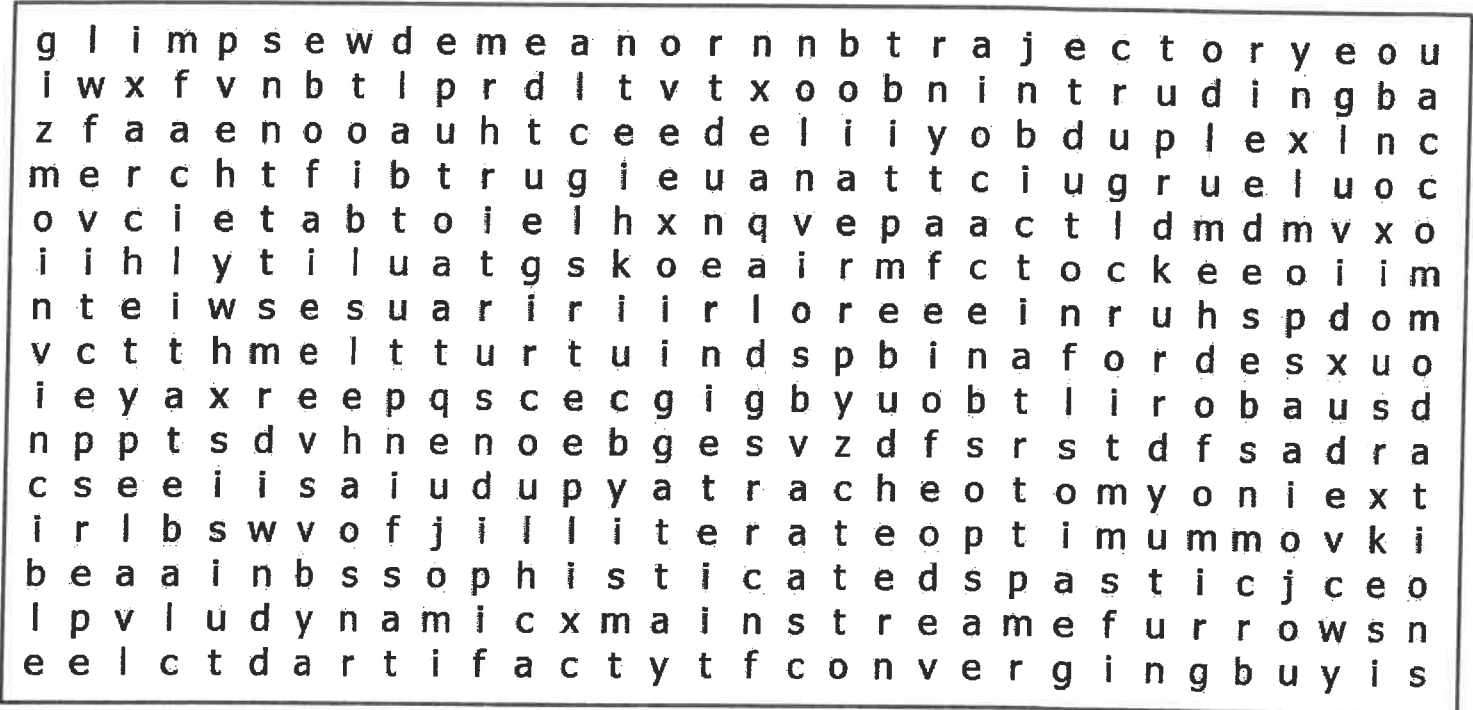
Incoming 7th



Incoming 8th



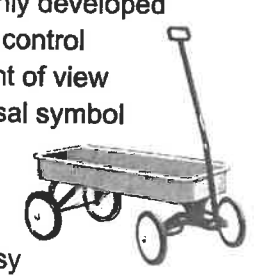
# Master the Vocabulary of *Freak the Nighty*



1. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) expected path of a moving object
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - (8) a dividing wall
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - (5) accept; tolerate
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - (5) drink rapidly
5. \_\_\_\_\_ - (12) unconquered
6. \_\_\_\_\_ - (8) to be inactive
7. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) disclose; confide
8. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) ideal
9. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) garbage
10. \_\_\_\_\_ - (5) thin oatmeal
11. \_\_\_\_\_ - (5) a mechanical gadget
12. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) narrow grooves
13. \_\_\_\_\_ - (13) not working
14. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) cannot read or write
15. \_\_\_\_\_ - (14) lodgings
16. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) not normal or typical
17. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) young gifted person
18. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) to help; make easier
19. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) cannot be defeated
20. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) going where not wanted
21. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) reduce to a low level
22. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) nickname
23. \_\_\_\_\_ - (8) outward behavior
24. \_\_\_\_\_ - (11) throw up
25. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) deliberately avoiding



26. \_\_\_\_\_ - (12) a change meant to improve
27. \_\_\_\_\_ - (11) cutting into the windpipe
28. \_\_\_\_\_ - (6) apartment for two families
29. \_\_\_\_\_ - (13) hostile meeting
30. \_\_\_\_\_ - (8) object of cultural interest
31. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) active; energetic
32. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) kidnapping
33. \_\_\_\_\_ - (5) elevated; noble
34. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) partial view
35. \_\_\_\_\_ - (8) pants
36. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) highly acidic
37. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) extremely unpleasant
38. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) what most people do
39. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) suggest something as true
40. \_\_\_\_\_ - (13) highly developed
41. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) lacking limb control
42. \_\_\_\_\_ - (11) point of view
43. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) a universal symbol
44. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) greed
45. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) tied up
46. \_\_\_\_\_ - (6) loyalty
47. \_\_\_\_\_ - (7) heavy; clumsy
48. \_\_\_\_\_ - (9) low-cost apartments
49. \_\_\_\_\_ - (10) coming together
50. \_\_\_\_\_ - (8) difficulty interpreting words





# **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

## **Chapter 1 - The Unvanquished Truth**

**Directions:** Answer the following comprehension questions. Provide text evidence to prove your answer is correct.

1. Who is narrating the story?
2. What was Max's temperament at a young age?
3. When did Freak and Max 1<sup>st</sup> meet?
4. What were some of the names Max got called?
5. How did Max's grandparents feel about him?

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## **Chapter 2 - Up from the Down Under**

6. What is the down under?

7. When Max and Kevin (Freak) meet again, what is Kevin like?

8. When Freak first notices Max in the back yard, how does he react?

9. What does Max think about this reunion meeting?



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### **Chapter 3 - American Flyer**

10. When Max sees Kevin in the backyard again, what is Kevin trying to do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What in this chapter gives us a clue about Freak's health?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What is an ornithopter?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. After Max helps Freak get down his ornithopter, how do things change between them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. How does Max get Kevin over to his house?

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## **Chapter 4 - What Frightened the Fair Gwen**

15. How does Kevin act after he goes down the stairs by himself in Max's room?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. What does Freak think about the down under?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. What character is Kevin really into? How could you tell?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. Can you guess what else Kevin is really into?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. What do you learn about Max and books in this chapter? How do you know?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. What happens when Kevin's mom comes looking for Kevin?

## **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

### **Chapter 5 - Spitting Image**

21. How does Max escape things that bother him?
22. Gwen called and talked to Gram.... what did she want?
23. What does Max learn about Gwen from his grandmother?
24. How does Gram act when she touches Max?
25. How does Max react when Grim refers to Kevin as a poor boy?
26. How does Kevin and Gwen explain why Max upset her when she first saw him?
27. When does Max decide Gwen is cool?
28. Where is Max's father?
29. Why does Max start crying when he gets back home?

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## **Chapter 6 - Close Encounter of the Turd Kind**

30. What does Max get to do that he's never gotten to do before? Why?
31. Who do Max and Kevin run into at the fireworks that is bad news?
32. When Kevin calls Tony D. a C-R-E-T-I-N, what is he thinking? What is the problem with that?
33. Where does Max place Kevin during the fireworks?

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## **Chapter 7 - Walking High Above the World**

34. How does Kevin feel about riding on Max's shoulders?
  
35. Why does Max run through the crowd with Freak on his shoulders?
  
36. Where does Kevin encourage Max to go, to get away from Tony D. and his gang?
  
37. How does running into the Mill pond keep Tony D. from getting them?
  
38. Once rescued what does Tony D. and his gang do next? What stops them.
  
39. When the police ask what Kevin and Max's names are, what name does Kevin give them?

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## **Chapter 8 - Dinosaur Brain**

40. When the police drove Max and Kevin home, how did Grim and Gram react?
41. How did the police explain what had happened at the mill pond?
42. Grim and Gram make Max promise to stay away from Tony D., does Max agree with them?
43. Why does Kevin show up at Max's house for each day?
44. What is Kevin's favorite book.
45. What does Kevin compare Max to?

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### **Chapter 9 - Life Is Dangerous**

46. How does Max know where to go when Kevin is up on his shoulders?
47. What is it like when Kevin and Max go in these quests?
48. Where do they end up on the quest in this chapter?
49. Why does Kevin make Max swear by blood/salvia?
50. Max is a little worried about the bionics procedure that Freak is talking about and he asks if it will hurt. What is Kevin's reply?

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## **Chapter 10 - Rats or Worse**

51. What does Max tell Grim about Kevin?

52. Kevin is wanting to go on another quest, even though Max's feet are hurting. Where do they go this time?

53. What does the treasure turn out to be?

54. What do they find inside the purse?

55. What does Kevin think about this lady Loretta Lee?



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## **Chapter 11 - The Damsel of Distress**

56. The address on the I.D. cards leads Kevin and Max where?

57. How does Kevin try to convince Max to return the purse with him to the lady that lives in "The New Testaments"?

58. Does Max think going is a good idea?

59. What is "The New Testaments" like when Kevin and Max get there?

60. Who lives at the apartment?

61. What does Loretta finally figure out about Max?

62. Why does Iggy get all nervous and decide to get Max and Kevin out of his apartment?

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### **Chapter 12 - Killer Kane, Killer Kane, had a Kid Who Got No Brain**

63. Why does Kevin think his father went away after he was born? How does he feel about it?
64. How did it come to be that Kevin and Max would be in the same classes?
65. How would being in Kevin's class help Max?
66. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day at school what causes the class to get out of control?
67. What turns the situation around in the classroom?
68. When the teacher says you must be Kevin, what is Kevin's reply? How does this conversation change the mood of the class?

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### **Chapter 13 - American Chopped Suey**

69. How does Kevin help Max to learn things?

70. What did Max's reading skills tutor reveal to Max?

71. They stopped trying to get Max to speak in class, so how do they know if he knows the answers or not?

72. How does Max explain the difference between reading and writing?

73. Why did the principal want to see Max? What did he think at first?

74. How does Max react when he learns the real reason the principal wanted to speak with him?

75. As if the principal thing wasn't bad enough, what happens later that day to Kevin that's even worse?

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## **Chapter 14 - Cross My Heart and Hope to Die**

76. Why does Max get to stay home from school?

77. What is Kevin's explanation about why he needs a new robotic body?

78. When does Kevin say his Dr. thinks he will get this new body?

78. Why does Max hear Grim and Gram yelling at each other?

79. Grim tells Max to stay at the house for the next few days, why? How does Max feel about this order from Grim?

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## **Chapter 15 - What Came Down the Chimney**

80. Christmas Eve Kevin and Freak eat dinner with Max, Grim and Gram. After dinner what does Grim do that makes the evening special?

81. What is Max's Christmas gift to Kevin? Does Kevin like it?

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83. While Max is sleeping that night, what happens? Who do you think this person is?

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## **Chapter 16 - A Chip off the Old Block**

84. Killer Kane shushes Max to make sure Max doesn't make any noise to wake Grim and Gram, why does Max go along with that?

85. What does Killer Kane tell Max is a big lie?

86. Was Killer Kane being there a surprise to Max?

87. Even though Max knew this would happen one day, how did he feel about it?

88. Why does Killer Kane call Max a chip off the old block?

89. Where does Killer Kane take Max?

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### **Chapter 17 - By All That's Holy**

90. Where does Iggy take Killer Kane and Max?
91. Where is the old lady that lives there?
92. On page 109, what does Killer Kane tells Max a lie that his grandparents were supposed to have said about him?
93. Killer Kane doesn't agree with the grandparents, why?
94. Killer Kane ties Max up while he gets some sleep, what was his reason for this?
95. On p. 111 Killer Kane tells Max 2 lies about his grandparents, what were they?
96. Killer Kane goes on in this chapter to convince Max of his innocence. Give one example of that.

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## **Chapter 18 -Never Trust a Cripple**

97. Why does Killer Kane get mad a Loretta Lee?

98. What does Killer Kane tell Max about Loretta Lee?

99. Killer Kane tells Max about a plan he has to make them rich, what is it?

100. Why do the police go to Iggy's and Loretta place?



## **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

### **Chapter 19 - Into the Black Down Under**

101. With the cops coming back to Iggy's with a search warrant, and possibly going door to door, what does Killer Kane do?
102. What was Killer Kane's impression of cops?
103. Killer Kane has Max still tied up and mouth gaged in the burned-out building, when he goes to see a man about a car. Who comes to his rescue?
104. What happens when Killer Kane catches Lorretta Lee untying Max?

## **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

### **Chapter 20 - Freak the Mighty Strikes Again**

105. Max tries to save Loretta Lee from Killer Kane, but all this brings back memories from the past? Explain.

106. What does Max scream at Killer Kane?

107. When Max goes on to tell his father what all he remembers about the night of his mother's death, what is Kane's reaction?

108. Who shows up next to save Max and how?

109. Who is the first to greet Max and Kevin when they escape the building?

110. What was really in the squirt gun?

111. As Freak is being carried away by Gwen, what does he say?

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### **Chapter 21 - The Accident of Nature**

112. What did Gram tell Max that he knew when he saw the double track of footprints coming out of the basement in the snow?
113. What charges do they give Killer Kane?
114. Did Loretta Lee survive?
115. Gwen was really worried about Kevin. She tells him he has to be careful, what does she mean?
116. Freak's visit to the medical research place increase, what does Kevin tell Max when he asks him about his new robot body?
117. Right before Kane's trial what happens?

## **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

### **Chapter 22 - Remembering Is Just an Invention of the Mind**

118. What does Kevin want to invent so that he can go back to the Ice age and give the cave men a hard time?

119. Freak's birthday is coming up; how old will he be?

120. What does Freak suggest that he get for his birthday, since he got an ornithopter last year?

121. What is Kevin really getting for his birthday?

122. Why is Kevin getting the computer?

123. Who blows out Kevin's candles on his cake?

124. Kevin hardly eats his supper or birthday cake, then something terrible happens? What?

## **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

### **Chapter 23 - The Empty Book**

125. Max goes to the hospital to visit Kevin, what does Kevin do?
126. What type of procedure did Kevin have done to his neck?
127. What does Kevin tell Max is going to happen tonight?
128. What gift does Kevin give Max?
129. What is the journal for?
130. Max has a bad coughing spell and Max has to leave. When he gets home, what does Grim say that makes him really mad?

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## **Chapter 24 - The Return of Kicker**

131. Max sneaks out of the house to go to the hospital to see Kevin. What happens when he gets there?

132. They are just about to medicate Max when someone comes to Max's rescue, who and what does the person say?

133. When Max explains to Dr. Spivak what Kevin had told him about having a surgery and getting a new body, what does Dr. Spivak say?

# **"Freak the Mighty" Comprehensions Questions**

## **Chapter 25 - What Loretta Said**

134. How did Max react after Kevin's death?

135. What happened to Gwen?

136. After a talk with Loretta Lee what does Max decide?

## Freak the Mighty Main Characters

Character	Nicknames	Description
Max		
Kevin		
Gwen		
Gram		
Grim		
Kenny Kane		
Iggy		
Loretta Lee		