**Prior to chapter 1** Think about a time when you were in an unfamiliar or unusual situation that made you feel uneasy. Write about this unfamiliar experience in which you were uncomfortable. Include details that help explain your feelings.

**Chapter 1-2** What is your first impression of Charlotte Doyle? Could you imagine being friends with her? Explain your answer. What qualities do you look for in a friend?

**Chapters 3-8** What do you think Charlotte meant at the end of Chapter 8 when she said, “But the storm was – at first – man made”? To what different kinds of storms might she have been referring? Explain a time when someone acted as a “storm” in your life.

**Chapters 9-15** Write about a time when you realized that your initial impressions of a person were incorrect. Why did you form your original opinion? Why did your feelings change? Did you regret not understanding the person sooner?

**Chapters 16-22** Imagine that you are Charlotte. Write a letter to your parents explaining why you left home and rejoined the crew of the ship.

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