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6. What does Hattie's dad bring up to her when she argues that Adam would have probably been fine if the Ferris wheel hadn't gotten stuck?
7. What punishment does Nana give Hattie for taking Adam to the carnival without permission?
8. What is the Strowsky family's story?
9. When Hattie first sees Adam after the night of the carnival, whom is he coming to see?
10. What startles Adam and causes him to run out of the boardinghouse?
11. What is Nana's first question to Hattie after Hattie explains what happened to Adam?
12. Why is Hattie disappointed when she visits the carnival?
13. After Hattie wanders around town for the rest of the day, what surprising sight does she see in front of Nana and Papa's house?
14. What reasons does Hattie give for why a missing person search begins for Adam even though he hasn't been gone long enough to be considered a missing person?
15. Where is Adam finally found?

### Chapters Twenty–Twenty-Two (pp. 165–189)

1. After Adam's death, who arrives sooner than expected?
2. What does Hattie want her dad to tell Angel, even though she knows it isn't true?
3. Hattie's mother gets upset when Hattie asks what question about her and Adam's relationship?
4. In her head, what does Hattie continue to hear as neighbors visit the house?
5. Why is Hattie upset about Adam's obituary?
6. What are the only two kinds of weather Cookie has noticed on funeral days?
7. To whom does Hattie address the eulogy she gives at Adam's funeral?
8. What does Nana show Hattie after the funeral?
9. What does Hattie learn about her mother from Nana?
10. What does Nana do one day Papa decides to go back to work?
11. After Adam's death, what does Hattie's family do that they have never done before?
12. What does Hattie say is one thing she wants to remember about Adam?
13. What causes Mrs. Strowsky to be so happy at the end of August?
14. Who becomes Betsy and Hattie's new friend before the school year begins?
15. What film does Hattie see that she has never seen before and that she chooses not to watch in its entirety?

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**A. Sequencing:** Number the following events in the order in which they occurred in the novel.

- \_\_\_ a. Adam gives Hattie a birthday party that overlaps with the Summer Cotillion.
- \_\_\_ b. Adam commits suicide in his parents’ shed.
- \_\_\_ c. Hattie discovers Leila has left the carnival early.
- \_\_\_ d. Hattie encourages Adam to sneak out of the house to go to the carnival.
- \_\_\_ e. Hattie and Adam find Angel in her bedroom with her boyfriend.

**B. Open-Ended Response:** In what ways does the author foreshadow the fallout that occurs between Angel and Adam? Include specific details from the text to support your answer. Write your answer on the lines below.

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Student Worksheets

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the book.

- A. Explain what you think Hattie meant by this statement she made at Adam’s funeral: “I think...that Adam was one of those people who lift the corners of our universe” (p. 178).

