**Poster Child**

If you were Melinda, would you help Heather out? Why or why not?

Are the Marthas good friends for Heather?

**Big Question:** What makes a good friend?

**Rent Round 3**

Why do you think Melinda doesn’t answer her parents when they ask her what’s wrong?

What do you think about the way Melinda's mother’s responds to her?

**Big Question:** What are some things that can cause family communication to break down?

**Can It**

In this chapter, what things do we learn about IT from what others say about him?

What things do we learn about IT from his own behavior?

**Big Question:** How accurate are rumors and gossip in helping us know people?

**Dark Art**

In this chapter, why do you think Melinda cuts herself? Was it on accident or on purpose? And why do you think Mr. Freeman slices his canvas?

Which cut do you think hurts worse?

**Big Question:** Why do you think people sometimes act self-destructively?

**Report card**

What can we learn from Melinda’s grades?

Compare Melinda’s grades from the first and second marking periods. Which have changed? What do you think explains the change?

**Big Question:** How much do grades tell you about a student’s experience in school?