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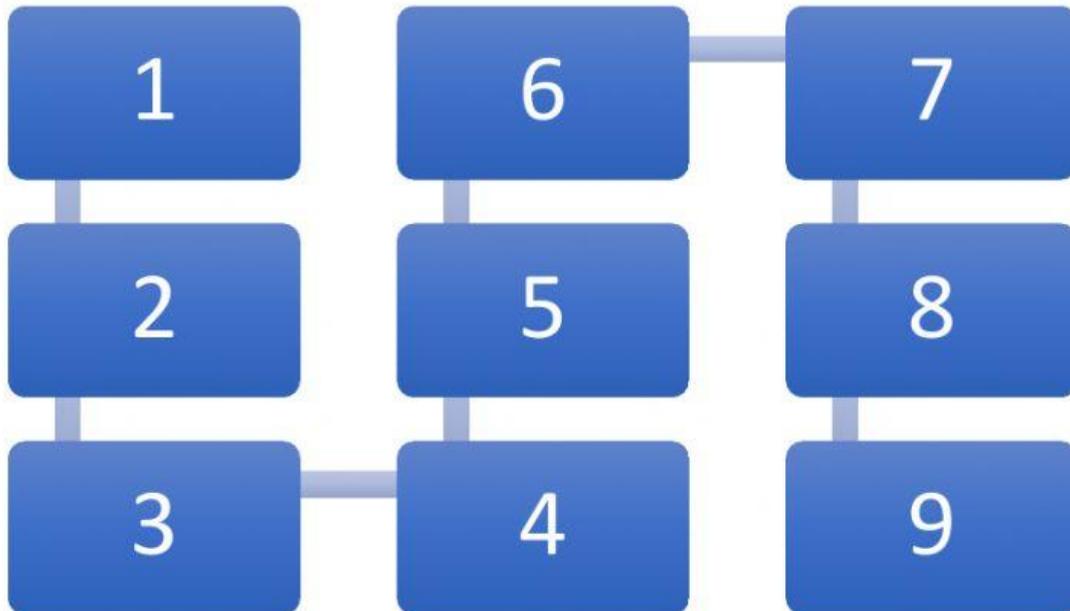
THE BULLY

& THE FRIEND WHO CHANGED MY LIFE

SEQUENCING

Place the events in order from the start of the story to the end.

Michael sees J.T. walking down the hallway toward him	J.T. looks at Michael and says thanks	Michael runs into J.T. again, but J.T. trips in the hall
Ramon gives Michael advice to be nice to J.T.	Ramon bends down to help Michael pick up his books	J.T. grabs Michael's math book and shoves it back at him
Michael bends over and helps J.T. pick up his books	Michael thought about standing up to J.T. but didn't	Michael's books fall all over the ground.



CHARACTER CHANGE

Which of the events above signal the part where Michael changes his behavior?

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THE FRIEND WHO CHANGED MY LIFE

1. Upon entering the new school, the main character had trouble fitting in. Match the problems with the reasons they might have been targeted by bullying.

Entering a new school		Not actually true, just a comparison that is made
Having oversized feet		Styles herself in a way that is very obviously different than others
Having curly brown hair that was clipped to the side of their face		Chooses to be different from others in what they wear
Wore socks on their feet		Has no one to defend them and stand up to poking fun at
Escapes their lack of confidence by reading books		Walks in an odd manner that is funny to imitate
Wearing milk-white sneakers		Does something that is often associated with being a "nerd"

2. Choose two of the reasons the main character was targeted by bullying and give a recommendation for what they should do. In your response, consider whether it is the main character's problem to solve and they need to change to make others happy.

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3. An upstander is someone who intervenes when another person looks as though they need help in a situation. Some may call Mary Lou and imperfect (not perfect) upstander in this story. Describe first what Mary Lou did that makes her and upstander, then explain why she is imperfect.

4. Despite Mary Lou not being a perfect upstander, the main character still looks at her as a hero. How do you feel about Mary Lou?
Explain whether you believe she deserves the title of hero or not. Use evidence from the story in your response.

5. What reason does the story give for why Theresa was always kicking the main character?
- a. She is really bothered by anyone with curly hair.
 - b. She thinks that the main character enjoys being touched.
 - c. She wants to get the main character's attention.
 - d. She doesn't know how to read and is jealous of the main character.

6. How do you feel about this reason? Do you know anyone like Theresa, who is not always good at expressing their feelings with words, so they act out in ways that can often be viewed as bad?

7. What advice would you give to a new student entering a school where they know they will be different, based on the two reading for this week? Give at least three pieces of advice in your response.

8. In the story Wonder, a young boy, with a medical condition that changes the shape of his face, goes to school for the first time. He is bullied by other students when he first arrives, but in time, he is accepted by many of the students at the school. One of the key messages in the story is, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." How does this relate to bullying and do you feel it is good advice?
