

Rising 5th grade Summer Reading for Cambridge Academy

Ungifted by Gordon Korman



The word "gifted" has never been applied to a kid like Donovan Curtis. It's usually more like "Don't try this at home". So when the troublemaker pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he's finally gone too far. But thanks to a mix-up by one of the administrators, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction (ASD), a special program for gifted and talented students.

Assignment Guidelines

- Students are asked to read this novel. This is an enjoyable book, parents are encouraged to read with (not for) and discuss. I've found that taking turns reading pages is motivating for the reluctant reader. 😊
- Students are asked to answer the comprehension questions with very little adult support. The questions are "right there" in the text, which means they can locate a definite answer. I would suggest working as you read. Please do not use the term "right there" in a negative way. We spend a great deal of time in 5th grade with these type questions. "If you can point to an answer from the text, it is called a "Right There" question, therefore should NEVER be missed"!
- The responses should be the student's work. Please help with pacing. I expect some mistakes.
- Students should write the answers in a way that the question is understood from their answer. Do not rewrite the questions. (example below)
- The **page numbers** of where the answer was found should come after the answer in parentheses. (example below)
- The assignment can be hand-written in cursive, but I prefer it to be typed (14 font, Comic Sans or Arial).
- Cover sheet should include: title, author, name, grade, and date. Please submit stapled and in a folder.
- Papers that are messy, bent, unorganized, hard to read, etc. will not be accepted.

Response Example: If the question was: How did Bob get to the store?
The answer should be written as: Bob rode his bike to the store. (12)

Assignment #1 QUESTIONS FOR UNGIFTED By Gordon Korman

1. What is the name of Donovan's school?
2. Who are Donovan's best friends?
3. What did Sanderson do after Mr. Fender left?
4. How full was the lot during basketball game?
5. Who caught Donovan after the incident?
6. How much did the bronze sphere weigh?
7. How did Donovan look after getting no sleep according to his sister?
8. What was Donovan's sister's name? How old is she?
9. Who called Donovan to the office?
10. What was Brad's dog's name?
11. What did the letter to Donovan's parents say?
12. Who are the smartest in the academy?
13. What did Donovan name the robot?
14. Who was the first to call the robot by name?
15. What did Latrell think Donovan was trying to steal?
16. What did the driver do when someone threw a paper airplane at his head?
17. What did Donovan's great-great-great uncle do for a living?
18. What did Janey do in moments of stress?
19. What did Mr. Osborne ask to be called?
20. What did Mr. Osborne think naming the robot did?
21. How long total do you have to do human growth and development?
22. When was the first time Noah laughed?
23. What did Chloe like about Donovan?
24. What did Mr. Osborne think about Donovan's smarts?
25. Who did Beatrice love most?
26. What did Donovan's dad's bumper sticker say?
27. Why did Donovan want Katie to help with human growth and development?
28. On the first day of human growth and development with Katie, what did Katie bring?
29. What was Noah's test score in math?
30. Why did Noah think no one laughed at the academy?
31. How late was Katie's doctor when Donnie went with her?
32. What is the definition of insanity according to Dr. Schultz?
33. What type of wardrobe did Chloe think she had?
34. What could you NOT wear to the school dance?
35. What was Noah's outfit supposed to look like?

36. At the dance, who thought it was the best night of their life?
37. What did Donovan call the gifted academy when he was at the dance?
38. Who did the Daniels dance with first?
39. What did the Daniels want to see most at the academy?
40. When Donovan was about to leave the dance, what was in the center of the gym?
41. Who pulled the fire alarm at the dance?
42. Where did Donovan find a spare motor for the robot?
43. What did Noah do to Sanderson at the dance?
44. Who found out that Beatrice was pregnant?
45. What happened to Donovan's computer during the retest?
46. Why is Donovan good with a joy stick?
47. Who was the first person they questioned for cheating on Donovan's test?
48. Who confirmed that Beatrice was not dying?
49. What did Dr. Schultz not have the patience for?
50. How did Dr. Schultz find out Donovan's name?
51. What was Noah's form of Gatorade called?
52. What was Donovan's punishment for destroying the statue globe?
53. What did Donovan's award say?
54. Why does Chloe cut school?
55. What was Dr. Schultz wearing at the robotics meet?
56. What was Mr. Osborne's favorite day of the year?
57. Who drove the robot during the robotics meet?
58. Who was Tinman facing in the finals?
59. Who helped Donovan on the retest?
60. What was Katie's baby's name?

Gordon Korman Biography Summer Assignment #2

Gordon Korman is a popular young adult author. Please visit his website at www.gordonkorman.com in order to learn about him. You may have to google his name to get to this site. After answering the questions, please write a short biography about the author using the research. Please include a title page.

1. Where and when was Gordon Korman born?

2. What was Gordon's nickname in the 6th grade?

3. Write two facts about Gordon that you find interesting. _____

4. Where did Gordon attend college, and what degree did he earn?

5. What was Gordon's first novel, why did he write it, and when was it published?

6. Each year Gordon travels tens of thousands of miles; how many states, provinces, and countries has he visited? _____

7. Gordon lives in _____ with his wife and family.

8. List three books that Gordon has written other than *Ungifted*:

- _____
- _____
- _____

9. What is Gordon's answers to all the world's problems? Why? _____
