

***Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli Study Guide Questions**  
**Summer Reading Novel for English 9**

**Note:** These questions are not for credit; instead, use the questions to guide your understanding and take notes on important information in the novel. Students will take a test on the novel and complete several in-class assignments on the novel. We ask students to purchase the novel in order to have it with them for the first weeks of school.

**Chapters 1- 4**

1. Based on the limited information about Stargirl in chapter #1, what assumption could you make about her?
2. According to Chapter 1, what is Hillary Kimble's explanation for Stargirl's appearance in school?
3. Who is Leo Borlock?
4. What is Leo's going away present from his uncle Pete?
5. What mysterious gift appears on Leo's doorstep on his birthday?
6. Who is Kevin?
7. Identify Hot Seat.
8. What unusual thing does Stargirl do in the lunchroom on the first day of school?
9. List at least three unusual things Stargirl does in the first weeks of school?
10. List four of the rumors going around school about Stargirl.
11. "We fought daily, Kevin and I." Why?
12. What does Stargirl leave in the mailbox the day Leo followed her after school?
13. Identify Wayne Parr.

**Chapters 5-9**

14. What does Stargirl do that attracts so much attention at the football game?
15. What is the result of Stargirl's halftime show?
16. Hillari tells Stargirl not to sing happy birthday to her, and Stargirl agrees. Did Stargirl keep her promise?
17. Identify Archie.
18. Identify Senor Saguaro.
19. Describe Archie's "school."
20. When does Stargirl Caraway become popular at school?
21. What does Stargirl do at her first football game as a cheerleader?
22. Identify Cinnamon.
23. Identify Dori Dilson.
24. Who wins the oratorical contest at MAHS?
25. What change takes place in the students in the last weeks of December into January?

**Chapters 10-13**

26. What day is Stargirl scheduled to go on Hot Seat?
27. How does Stargirl say the Pledge of Allegiance?
28. Who is the unexpected, unwelcome mourner at Anna Grisdale's grandfather's funeral?
29. What happens to Danny Pike?
30. What happens to Danny's new bike?
31. What is unusual about Stargirl's cheerleading?

32. What is the reaction of most students when Stargirl would cheer for them?
33. How is this basketball season different from every other sports season?
34. Of all the unusual things about Stargirl, what strikes the narrator as the most remarkable?
35. Why does Stargirl leave the basketball game to talk to the bus driver?
36. What trick do the basketball team and cheerleaders play on Stargirl?
37. What is the job of the Hot Seat jury?
38. Why does the narrator secretly wish no one would watch the Stargirl Hot Seat episode?
39. What other names has Stargirl used?
40. What is Stargirl's philosophy about her name?
41. What does the Hot Seat jury do to Stargirl?

### **Chapters 14-17**

42. When Kovac, the Sun Valley star player, is injured, who is first there to help?
43. At the end of the second play of the game against Glendale, what happens to Stargirl?
44. What is Stargirl's Valentine message to Leo?
45. What is Leo's reaction to Stargirl's Valentine message?
46. How does Archie put the basketball game loss in perspective?
47. What nickname do the girls give Leo?
48. Describe Leo's encounter with Stargirl the first time he goes to her house.
49. Describe the enchanted place Stargirl takes Leo to in the desert.

### **Chapters 18-21**

50. How do the students at school treat Stargirl after the basketball game loss?
51. How does Leo feel about getting the silent treatment?
52. How does Stargirl feel about getting the silent treatment?
53. What question does Senor Saguaro "ask" Leo in answer to Leo's search about what to do about Stargirl?
54. What does Stargirl teach Leo?
55. Why is Stargirl's giving unusual?
56. Who gives Leo the porcupine necktie?
57. How does Stargirl learn what was going on in people's lives?
58. Describe Stargirl's card game.
59. Why does Stargirl drop coins here and there?

### **Chapters 22-25**

60. Why is Leo surprised at Stargirl's house, parents, and room?
61. How does Stargirl's happy wagon work?
62. Identify Peter Sinkowitz.
63. What is Leo's reaction to Stargirl's explanation of her Peter Sinkowitz project?
64. What do the students say about Stargirl during the shunning period?
65. What is Leo's reaction to the "Stargirl loves Leo" banner?
66. What is Leo's crime?
67. What is Leo's problem, and what does he do about it?
68. When Stargirl forces Leo to talk to her about why he is avoiding her, what does he tell her?

### **Chapters 26-29**

69. After Leo tells Stargirl she should change, what does she do?
70. What is Leo's reaction to Susan?
71. Identify Evelyn Everybody.
72. Does Stargirl's change to Susan increase her popularity at school?
73. How many stones are in Susan's happy wagon when Leo goes to do homework with her?
74. Why does Susan's vision make her happy?
75. Why is Dori mad at Susan?
76. How does Susan behave in the car on the way to the contest?
77. What two birds does Susan talk about after the brief stop in the desert on her way to the contest?
78. What is the title of Susan's first speech at the contest?
79. How is Susan's final speech different from the others at the contest?
80. Who welcomes Susan at school after the contest?

### **Chapters 30 – More Than Stars**

81. Who returns to school Monday after the contest?
82. Identify Ukee Dooks.
83. Describes Stargirl's presence at the Ocotillo Ball.
84. What happens to Stargirl after the dance?
85. Where is Stargirl's secret office?
86. What is in Stargirl's office?
87. What is the Sunflower Club?
88. After time passes, Stargirl's mark is left on the school. What things show this?