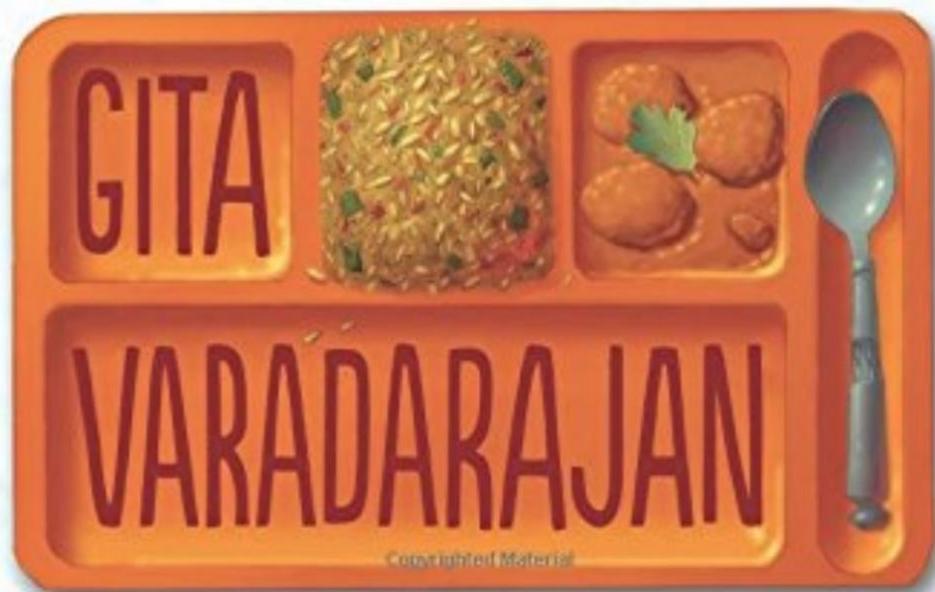


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## Ch. 1 and 2

1. Describe the differences in Ravi's life in America to his life in India. Life in India Life in America
2. The reader can tell that Ravi's grandmother feels how about Americans? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.
3. Look at the dictionary definition below.

mean (adjective) 1. unwilling to give or share things, especially money; not generous. 2. unkind, spiteful, or unfair  
3. (especially of a place) poor in quality and appearance; shabby.

Which definition matches how mean is used on page 11?

4. Why does Joe put headphones in his ears?
5. What happened to Joe's friends?
6. What kind of relationship do you predict Joe and Ravi will have?

## Ch. 3 - 6

1. What does the word queue mean on page 18?
2. Based on what you know about Dillon, why is he winking and smiling at Ravi?
3. What does the word "klepto" mean on page 25? Use context clues to help you.
4. Why does Joe tell himself "in-two-three, out-two-three?" (page 27) What does it help him to do?
5. In Chapter 5, Ravi talks a lot about his family. Use Ravi's glossary to find what he calls these family members: Mom, Dad, and Grandma.
6. What caused Joe's mom to become unemployed?

7. Why does Joe skip dinner at the end of Chapter 6?
8. What is something that Joe and Ravi both experienced in these chapters?

### **Ch. 7-10**

1. What book does Mrs. Beam assign for the class to read? How do BOTH Joe and Ravi feel about the book?
2. On page 45 Joe talks about Mia. Based on details in the text, what is Mia?
3. What actions does Ravi take to impress Mrs. Beam?
4. What does Ravi think of Joe's appearance in class?
5. Explain Joe's disorder in your own words.
6. How does Joe feel about Math?
7. If you were in the story, would you be friends with Joe or Ravi? Why or why not?

### **Ch. 11 - 12**

1. How does Ravi feel about Joe? Why does he feel this way about Joe?
2. Based on how Ravi solves the multiplication problem, can you tell how he is feeling?
3. If you were Ravi, how would you have responded to Mrs. Beam not being impressed with your math skills?
4. What detail about Ravi's name does Joe catch?
5. What's the REAL reason Dillon helps Ravi pick his stuff up off the floor?
6. Who tripped Ravi as he was walking back to his seat?
7. Explain the different feelings Ravi and Joe have toward one another.

## Ch. 13 - 14

1. How does Mrs. Beam upset Ravi a second time?
2. Who is Mrs. Frost?
3. Based on what you know about Mrs. Beam, what are your thoughts on her teaching skills?
4. What is a "tiffin box"?
5. What does Ravi compare Mrs. Frost's hair to? What about Joe?
6. What event leads Joe to believe he and Ravi will not be friends?
7. Use context clues to determine the meaning of *dissolving* on page 74?
8. Describe the activity Mrs. Frost gives to Joe? Why would she work on activities like this with him?
9. What do you think caused Ravi's feelings to change from mad to sad when he leaves Mrs. Frost's room?
10. What kind of M&Ms are Joe's favorites? Which ones are rare?

## Ch. 15-16

1. Look at the dictionary entry for assimilate.

assimilate (verb) 1. to take in, digest 2. to integrate, to fit it

Which definition best matches how assimilate was used in the sentence at the top of page 67?

2. What grade was Ravi in when they discovered he needed glasses?
3. Why does everyone assume Ravi doesn't know English?
4. How does Ravi feel about all the help being offered to him?
5. What assumption has Ravi made about Joe?

6. What makes it hard for Joe to stay mad at his mom?
7. Based on Joe's actions, how does he feel about food?
8. What does Joe mean when he says, "I keep thinking about what Ravi said, and the way he pointed his finger at me. Even apple crisp can't take the edge off of that."

### **Ch. 17-18**

1. What is "the kan drishiti"? How is Amma going to take it away?
2. What is the relationship between Amma and Perimma? What is Perimma always doing to Amma's cooking?
3. Why does Ravi's family think Amma has special powers?
4. Based on Ravi's thoughts about the flag, how does he *feel* about it?
5. What secret has Joe kept (Lucy's)?
6. What magic powers did Joe think his mom had when he was younger? Why doesn't he believe in her magic anymore?
7. Look at the dictionary entry for monitor.

monitor (noun) 1. a student with disciplinary or other special duties during school hours 2. a television receiver used in a studio to select or verify the picture being broadcast from a particular camera. verb 3. observe and check the progress or quality of (something) over a period of time; keep under systematic review.

Which meaning best fits the way monitor is used on page 100?

8. What is a synonym for the word swiped on page 102?

### **Ch. 19-22**

1. According to the text, how do PE teachers feel about white shoes in India?

2. Which sentence from the story shows why Coach Victorine was yelling at Ravi?

- a. We start tossing the ball around a little to warm up.
- b. No Rec Specs, no ball! No exceptions!
- c. Can you see without those things?
- d. Well in case you haven't noticed, this is New Jersey, kid.

3. What does the author mean by "gleam in his eye" on page 111?

4. Why does Joe yell, "Duck!"?

5. On the way to the nurse, Dillon keeps telling Ravi to mention that it was an accident. Why do you think he repeats this?

6. At the end of Chapter 21, Ravi finally feels like he is where he belongs. What does he mean by this?

7. Look at the example below. What event goes in the blank?

| Cause | Effect   |
|-------|--|
| _____ | I jump, and Dillon laughs, shaking the hair out of his eyes. |

8. What does Joe picture Dillon as to help him laugh off his rudeness in the cafeteria?

9. Who's advice helped Joe out?

**Ch. 23 - 26**

1. Why does Ravi freak out about eating the chili?

2. Which sentence from the story shows that Ravi is embarrassed that Dillon and his friends are making fun of him?

- a. All this time I thought Dillon had wanted to be my friend.
- b. If I smell of anything, it should be of sandalwood soap and coconut oil.
- c. My face burns and my legs are shaking like they are having a fit.
- d. I can't believe my ears.

3. When Joe sees Ravi running from the lunch table, how does he feel for Ravi?

4. Why does Ravi feel he is getting a taste of his own medicine?
5. What do Joe's parents want to talk to him about?
6. Joe exploded and listed all the things he hates to his parents. What are some of things he hates?

### **Ch. 27 - 29**

1. What does "dupatta" mean? What words helped you? (page 147)
2. Based on Perimma's action, what conclusion can you make about her feelings for Bangalore?
3. Why is Ravi quitting school?
4. How does Joe feel about "Bud, Not Buddy?"
5. Why does Joe's dad slide him a note and not talk to him?
6. What does the note mean to Joe? How did it impact him?
7. What event causes Ravi to open up to his family?
8. What are some similarities Joe and Ravi currently have?

### **Ch. 30 - 35**

1. Why do you think the book is broken into sections about what is being served for lunch?
2. What is Amma's "pallu", and what does she take out of it? (page 169)
3. Find a sentence that shows Ravi is excited to buy school lunch. (page 169)
4. What happened to the object in Joe's dish?
5. What do you predict Ravi will do to redeem himself and set things right?

### **Ch. 36 -41**

1. Who screams when they see Ravi's object?

2. What do Ravi and Perippa talk about on their walk?
3. Why did Ravi's family leave India and move to America?
4. What character trait does Ravi exhibit by placing the blue M&M in Joe's dish?
5. How does Joe know who put it there?
6. Based on Dillon's actions, what character traits would best describe him?
7. On page 195, Joe says, "he knows that look." What do you predict Dillon is plotting to do?
8. What does "*muster*" mean on page 196?
9. What sentence on page 196 shows that Mrs. Arun was strict?
10. Why does Ravi wink at Dillon?

**Ch. 42 - 49**

1. What story does Ravi tell his classmates?
2. How are the leeches and "quitting is not an option" connected?
3. What causes Emily Mooney to throw up?
4. Why is Joe helping out Ravi?
5. Sequence the events of the "epic sequence" when Dillon swipes the leeches. (209)
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did Ravi know the card he pulled was Joe's?
7. Describe how Joe's feelings about being in 5th grade changed from the beginning to the end of the story.

8. Describe how Ravi's feelings about being in 5th grade changed from the beginning to the end of the story.

9. After reading the last page, why do you think the author titled the book "Save Me A Seat?"