

## ***Whirligig* Reading Comprehension Questions (Chapters 3-5)**

**(15 points, due Thursday) Provide a detailed answer for each of the following questions. Use quotes to support your answers and include the page numbers for those quotes!!!!!!**

- 1) How do Lea's parents react to Brent?
- 2) Why does the author focus on the silver pen that Brent's father uses?
- 3) Name the game that Brent and the cyclist play in chapter three. Describe the pieces that are used in the game as well as the significance of that game to Brent's situation.
- 4) Brent refers to himself as being locked in a chrysalis. What is a chrysalis and what is the significance of it to Brent's life?
- 5) What is a karass? On a separate sheet of paper, create a chart that lists any four characters from *Whirligig* along with five members of each of their karass.
- 6) Why would Lea's mother NOT want to know where the whirligigs were mounted?
- 7) When Brent thought of the phrase "the breath of life," what was the significance of those words?
- 8) What is a shearwater and how is it significant in chapter four?
- 9) Name at least three of the distractions that the man was trying to escape.
- 10) Why did the man return to his family?
- 11) Who is Emil and why is he important?
- 12) Differentiate the dinner conversations Brent observed at his home and at the hostel.
- 13) "He desired to become the man he was impersonating." What does this statement mean?
- 14) Why did Brent think that prison may have been the better alternative on page 69?
- 15) "Everything we did – good, bad, and indifferent- sent a wave rolling out of site." What does this statement on page 70 mean?