

## ***Whirligig* Reading Comprehension Questions (Chapter 8-9)**

**(10 points, due Thursday 11/9.) Provide a detailed answer for each of the following questions. You may answer on another sheet of paper Use quotes to support your answers and include the page numbers for those quotes!!!**

- 1) Why did Jenny believe that her parents gave her a name that was “as far from the Old Testament...as you could get?”
- 2) Why does Jenny’s grandma make her take all of these side-trips throughout San Diego? (No quote)
- 3) On page 113, Grandma says “I stop here for me and for you.” What are her purposes for stopping near the youth hostel? (No quote)
- 4) Do people like Jenny’s grandma lose their mind, or are they bored with thinking? Explain your answer.
- 5) How would you like to be taken care of at Grandma’s age?
- 6) Where is Brent’s first stop in chapter 9? (116)
- 7) Why was it considered a “luxury” that there were no other campers present at his newest locale? (117)
- 8) What did Brent lose in this chapter? (120)
- 9) How does the woman’s view of Brent affect his opinion of who he is?
- 10) What did the woman on 122 mean when she said that the “darkness swallows up most of us?”
- 11) What is the significance of the “dump” in chapter 9? Why do you think Brent’s final whirligig is built near a dump?
- 12) Does Brent’s guilt disappear? How is his emotional status changed at the end of the book as compared to the beginning?