

Before-reading questions

- 1** *Example answer:* The title is *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, so Belly probably was younger and not very pretty before the story begins. Now, she is older and pretty, and in the pictures she looks happy and confident.
- 2** *Reader's own answer.*
- 3** *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1** Because their mom and dad are divorced.
- 2** She's sleeping in the beach house.
- 3** He means that she has changed a lot, and now looks older and not a little sister.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1** Because he is very busy at work.
- 2** No. He had a girlfriend called Aubrey, but she dumped him because he changed.
- 3** She wants him to stop smoking.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1** He is going on a college road trip with his dad.
- 2** Jeremiah teaches Belly to drive.
- 3** Jeremiah was Belly's first kiss.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1** *Example answer:* She thinks that Cam is cute, and she is embarrassed because he sees that she is looking at him.
- 2** They met at a Latin convention. Belly hates that he knows her from before because she was not very pretty then.
- 3** Jeremiah talks to Belly because things are difficult for Conrad this summer. Jeremiah wants Belly to be nice to Conrad.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1** Because he is funny, and he listens to her.
- 2** Susannah and Laurel are out at a museum or the mall. Belly is worried about Susannah because she is sad, and she is spending a lot of time in her room.
- 3** Conrad fights a huge guy at the party because he is very drunk and angry. He wants to fight somebody.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1** Laurel and Susannah are fighting about the boys. Laurel wants Susannah to tell them something, but Susannah does not want to do this.
- 2** Susannah and Mr. Fisher are getting a divorce. Belly is surprised, but Conrad is angry.
- 3** At first, she thinks that she does not love Conrad when she is hanging out with Cam all the time. But, after Conrad dances with her at the end of the chapter, it is hard not to love him.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1** The pearl necklace is very pretty, and Susannah's father gave it to her on her sixteenth birthday.
- 2** He gives her a small charm for her bracelet. It is a key because she is learning to drive.
- 3** *Example answer:* Because she is annoyed by Conrad and Nicole, and she wants to make Conrad jealous.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1** Jeremiah loves Belly because she is cooler than any other girl.
- 2** Because Belly tells him that she loves him, but he does not say this back to her. They are both angry because they think the other person is playing games.
- 3** Laurel stops the fight between Conrad and Jeremiah. She is very sad.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 **Example answer:** Susannah wanted it to be a perfect summer, but Conrad could not be nice for her. Belly understands that Conrad is hurting, but then she is angry with him when he gets home.
- 2 She understands that Susannah needs her, so she needs to be strong for her. Susannah and Belly make cakes together and talk about school.
- 3 **Example answer:** Conrad is feeling very sad about his mom, but he is happy because Belly is there with him, and he likes her.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 It comes too soon, and they have to clean and wash everything.
- 2 She wants to have one more good time before the summer ends.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **Example answer:** A lot of special things happen in the story. For example, Belly enjoys hanging out with Cam, and she and Conrad kiss. But it is a sad summer, too. Belly learns that Susannah is sick, and that she and Mr. Fisher are getting a divorce. Also, there are a lot of fights between the people in the story, and Conrad gets drunk and stays in his room a lot.

3 **Example answer:** Jeremiah is a good brother to Conrad. He asks Belly to be nicer to Conrad because he knows that Conrad is hurting. He also leaves him alone because he thinks that is what he wants. He helps to stop the fight at Kinsey's party. Also, in the pool at the end, he does not say anything when Conrad moves hair from Belly's eyes. He still loves Belly, but he does not try to stop Conrad and Belly.

- 4 *Reader's own answer.*
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

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|---|----------|------------|
| 1 | 1 Steven | 2 Belly |
| | 3 Conrad | 4 Jeremiah |
| | 5 Laurel | |

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Susannah thinks that the children can drink **wine** at dinner.
- 2 Mr. Fisher can be a **jerk**.
- 3 Conrad had a **girlfriend**, but now he does not.
- 4 Aubrey **dumped** Conrad because he changed.
- 5 Susannah was sick with **cancer**.

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 I could **see** that it made Steven unhappy.
- 2 I **liked** Conrad, even when he was moody.
- 3 "I **think** that you're ready now, Belly."
- 4 When he **saw** my face, he laughed.
- 5 I was **surprised** that he remembered our kiss.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 When Steven leaves the beach house, he is **sad and worried**.
- 2 Belly wears **jeans and a top** to the party.
- 3 Conrad **does not hurt** Belly when he holds her arm.
- 4 Belly gives Cam her **phone number**. / **Cam gives Belly** his sweater.
- 5 Belly thinks that it was the **best night** of her life.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 Belly **was talking** to Cam on the phone.
- 2 Susannah and Laurel **were taking** trips to museums and to the mall.
- 3 Cam **was kissing** Belly on the stairs.
- 4 Conrad **was fighting** a huge guy.

CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 b 2 e 3 d 4 a 5 c

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7 1 a 2 c 3 b 4 e 5 d

CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE

- 8 1 c 2 f 3 a 4 d 5 b 6 e

CHAPTER TEN

- 9 1 false 2 false
3 true 4 false
5 false

Project work

1-4 *Reader's own answers.*

- 5 a Jenny Han was born September 3rd 1980 in Richmond, Virginia, USA.
- b The titles are *It's Not Summer Without You* and *We'll Always Have Summer*.
- c Jenny Han wrote *Shug* in 2006 when she was still in college.