

The Great Friend Feud Discussion Questions

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1. If you could have any superpower, which would you pick? (Chapter 1)

2. What is Clark's big problem or problems? (Chapter 2)

3. Who do you think will win? Jackson's throwing arm or Murphy's slingshot? (Chapter 2)

4. Do you think Clark should tell Murphy the truth about his comic (that it isn't started yet)? Why or why not? (Chapter 4)

5. Who won the competition—Jackson or Murphy? (Chapters 5-6)

6. Do you have a scary house or neighbor in your neighborhood? (Chapters 7-8)

7. Did you believe Mr. Stephens's house came alive? What made you think that? (Chapters 9-12)

8. **Literary Device: Unreliable Narrator.* Clark is an unreliable narrator. This means that sometimes what he says is happening is not really happening. The reader can't always trust him to describe events accurately. How do you see this happening in these last few chapters? (Chapters 9-12)

9. When will Murphy get his ball back? How does Clark want to help? (Chapter 12)

10. Who is Clark/Eagleboy most worried about in these two chapters and why?
(Chapters 15-16)

11. If a part of your house came alive, what would be the scariest (or most fun) to fight?
(Chapters 16-17)

12. **Literary Device: Foreshadowing*. At the end of Chapter 18, Murphdog asks if Eagleboy is "sure this freeze blast thing worked" and says "I have a feeling me and this house will tango again soon". These are examples of 'foreshadowing', when the author plants a warning in the story of something that might happen later. Do you think this is really the end of Mutant House? Did you see foreshadowing anywhere else that could help answer this question? (Chapter 18)

13. Has your imagination ever scared you? How do you deal with fear? (Chapter 20)

14. How does Clark feel when he doesn't rescue Murphy from being electrocuted by the fence? (Chapter 22)

15. Murphy gets angrier and angrier with Clark throughout Chapters 21-23. Why? Do you think he's justified, or right, to be angry about these things?

16. After Clark comes home after dark and scares his mom, he says that she won't trust him again. How is Clark sometimes not trustworthy? Do you think that affects his relationships? (Chapter 25)

17. What did Murphy and Jackson do to Clark? (Chapter 27)

18. Do you think Clark should have to forgive Murphy and Jackson? (Chapter 28)

19. How did Clark get "justice" for himself and Louis? (Chapter 29)

20. Clark has doubts about whether or not he did the right thing by dropping balls on Murphy and Jackson. Do you think it was deserved justice? Even if it is deserved, should Clark have done it? Why or why not? (Chapter 30)

21. Why does Clark think, '*This is not gonna be good*', when he begins to read Murphy's addition to his comic? Do you agree with Clark's feeling? (Chapter 30)

22. *Literary Device: Anthropomorphism. Anthropomorphism is when human traits are given to inanimate objects. What has been your favorite item that's come alive at this point in the book: the orange extension cords, the rug, the motorcycle, or something else? (Chapter 36)

23. Clark thinks he is being treated unfairly by Murphy, his mom, and his brother Dalton. Do you think he is being treated unfairly? If you could talk to Clark at this point in the story, what would you tell him? (Chapter 37)

24. Do you think Murphdog is working for Dr. Stephens? Why or why not? (Chapter 38)

25. What was the cost of Clark's victory? Do you think it was worth it? (Chapter 40)

26. Clark is not sure God loves him even when he messes up. He writes his answer on his yellow sticky note. What would you write on the sticky note? If you're not sure about this, check out Psalm 86:15, Zephaniah 3:17, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, or 1 John 3:1, 4:10. (Chapter 42)

27. Eagleboy thinks he's no longer a hero. Do you agree with him? Why or why not? (Chapter 46)

28. *Literary Device: Situational Irony. Situational Irony occurs when in a story something happens that is the opposite of what is expected. At the end of Chapter 47, Eagleboy says, "Dr. Stephens is one problem already taken care of." What happens in Chapter 48 that makes this ironic? (Chapters 47-48)

29. How does Clark "fix" things with Murphy and Mr. Stephens? (Chapter 48)

30. What does Murphy offer to do that shows he forgives Clark? (Chapter 49)

31. What's something you've done or could do to encourage someone? (Chapter 51)

32. Everyone, even adults, mess up sometimes. It's what we do when we mess up that shows who we are. 1 John 3:16 (NIV) says: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." What's a time that you did something wrong? How does knowing God will forgive you change how you will treat someone who wrongs you? (Chapter 52)

33. Do you think Clark will keep his promise to himself to never be Eagleboy again? (Chapter 53)
