

***Uglies* Study Guide Questions**

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Chapter One: New Pretty Town

1. Who is the protagonist (main character) of this story?
2. What is the setting (time and place) of this novel?
3. Who is Peris?
4. Where is Tally going and why?
5. What two towns are divided by a river?
6. How does a pretty's "magic" make uglies feel?
7. What kind of mask is Tally wearing at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Two: Best Friends Forever

1. What is Garbo mansion and who lives there?
2. Why does the pretty falling from the tower not die?
3. How did Peris turn from an ugly into a pretty?
4. How has the surgery changed Peris's personality?
5. According to the novel, what are some of the features that make someone pretty?
6. What is Tally's plan for escaping Garbo mansion?

Chapter Three: Shay

1. Why are the sirens going off at the start of this chapter?
2. Why did Peris once have a scar that matched Tally's?
3. What happened to Peris's scar?
4. Who is Shay and why is she in New Pretty Town?
5. How did Shay get to New Pretty Town?

Chapter Four: Wipe Out

1. How do the crash bracelets keep Tally from hurting herself when she falls?
2. What is Tally's nickname?
3. What is Shay's nickname?

4. What do Tally and Shay have in common?
5. Why won't the pretties visit Uglyville?

Chapter Five: Facing the Future

1. What does Tally's interface ring allow her to do?
2. What are morphos?
3. Why is symmetry important for pretties?
4. What is Shay's opinion about becoming pretty?

Chapter Six: Pretty Boring

1. What are the "Rusty Ruins"?
2. How many levels of pretty are there?
3. Why does Shay think it would be boring to be a pretty?

Chapter Seven: Rapids

1. Why does Shay think she and Tally won't be caught for sneaking out of the dorms?
2. What is Tally's reaction to the rapids?
3. How do hoverboards work?

Chapter Eight: The Rusty Ruins

1. Who were the Rusties?
2. What are crash bracelets?
3. Why does Shay find danger "fun"?

Chapter Nine: Waiting For David

1. Who is David?
2. Why does Tally think David isn't real?

Chapter Ten: Fight

1. At what age do you become an ugly?
2. What are you called before you become an ugly?
3. What is the prank that Shay and Tally play on the new uglies?
4. Why does Shay think Tally has been "programmed" to think she is ugly?

5. Where is Shay going at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Eleven: Last Trick

1. Why is Tally lonely at the beginning of this chapter?
2. What is the “last major trick” that Shay wants to do?
3. What is “the smoke”?
4. Why doesn’t Shay want to become a pretty?
5. At what age does the pretty operation no longer work?
6. Why does Tally decide to stay in Uglyville?

Chapter Twelve: Operation

1. Why is Tally sad on the day she is to become a pretty?
2. What happens during a pretty operation?
3. Why do you think the place that late pretties live is called “Crumblyville”?
4. What happens to Tally at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Thirteen: Special Circumstances

1. Who is Dr. Cable?
2. What is the purpose of Special Circumstances?
3. What does Dr. Cable want Tally to do?

Chapter Fourteen: Ugly For Life

1. When Tally returns to her dorm room in Uglyville, what does she discover?
2. What advice do Tally’s parents give to her?
3. Why won’t Tally’s parents let her come home?

Chapter Fifteen: Peris

1. What advice does Peris give Tally?
2. How does Tally rationalize breaking her promise to Shay?
3. What does Tally decide to do after Peris leaves?

Chapter Sixteen: Infiltrator

1. How did Special Circumstances dupe Tally?
2. What does Dr. Cable expect Tally to do?
3. How will Special Circumstances find Tally once she gets to The Smoke?
4. What finally convinces Tally to do what Dr. Cable wants?

Part Two: The Smoke

Chapter Seventeen: Leaving

1. What did Dr. Cable demand of Tally at the beginning of this chapter?
2. What is different about Tally's new hoverboard?
3. What is the long and flat "roller coaster" that Tally finds?

Chapter Eighteen: Spagbol

1. How does Tally survive when she comes to the end of the bridge?
2. How is the wild both "dangerous and beautiful," according to Tally?
3. What is the only food Tally is given to eat during her journey?

Chapter Nineteen: The Worst Mistake

1. What does Tally keep dreaming about at the beginning of this chapter?
2. How does Tally get across the second gorge?
3. How does jumping into the cold water re-energize Tally?

Chapter Twenty: The Side You Despise

1. What does Tally see in the sky at the beginning of this chapter?
2. When Tally sees what happened to her sleeping bag, what does she realize?
3. When Tally reaches a fork in the river, why does she decide to head to the right?
4. Describe the flowers that Tally discovers.
5. Why does Tally hide her hoverboard while she rests?

Chapter Twenty-One: Firestorm

1. When Tally wakes up, what does she realize is surrounding her?
2. What started the fire?
3. How does Tally survive after falling into the water?

Chapter Twenty-Two: Bug Eyes

1. Who does Tally meet at the start of this chapter and what is their purpose?
2. What is the machine they fly?
3. Why are there so many white flowers?
4. What is a monoculture?
5. Why do the rangers burn the flowers?
6. Where is Tally waiting at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Twenty-Three: Lies

1. Why don't the "Smokies" think Tally is a traitor when they find a homing device on her hoverboard?
2. Why does Croy want Tally's Spagbol?
3. Why don't the flowers invade the area around The Smoke?

Chapter Twenty-Four: The Model

1. Why is Tally shocked to find out that the Smokies cut down trees?
2. How are the Smokies able to use hoverboards in their settlement?
3. Describe The Boss.
4. Why is Tally shocked by the magazines that Shay shows her?
5. How old are the magazines?
6. Why is Tally shocked at the idea of "work"?

Chapter Twenty-Five: Work

1. Why do the younger Smokies remind Tally of Middle Pretties?
2. Why does Tally lie and say she's been traveling for nearly ten days?
3. Why is David disappointed by the directions Shay gave to Tally?
4. What work are Shay and Tally doing near the railroad tracks?

Chapter Twenty-Six: David

1. Why is Tally horrified by David's leather jacket?
2. Why does David want to move rocks in the collapsed tunnel?
3. Why is David glad that Tally is struggling with the idea of life in The Smoke?

4. What does David tell Tally about his parents? Why is that such a shock to Tally?

Chapter Twenty-Seven: Heartthrob

1. What does Tally trade for the sleeping bag and sweater?

2. What “secret” is Tally hiding according to Shay?

3. Why doesn’t Tally tell Shay the real reason why she is at The Smoke?

Chapter Twenty-Eight: Suspicion

1. How has living in The Smoke changed Tally’s view of what is beautiful?

2. What does David suggest they do to the trees growing around the railroad tracks? What does Tally suggest they do instead?

3. Why is Croy suspicious of Tally’s story?

4. Why is Shay jealous that David gave Tally a pair of gloves?

Chapter Twenty-Nine: Bravery

1. Why does Tally feel like she is a “walking poison” and “a weed”?

2. Why does David think Tally is brave?

3. How are Tally’s feelings for David changing her opinion of Ugliers?

4. Who does David want Tally to meet?

Chapter Thirty: The Secret

1. Why is Tally surprised that David calls his parents mom and dad instead of by their first names?

2. Why is Tally surprised that David looks like Az, his father?

3. What do you guess is the big secret that David’s parents are hiding?

Chapter Thirty-One: Pretty Minds

1. What did David’s parents used to do for a living?

2. What is the “Pretty Committee”?

3. What did Maddy discover about the lesions in the brains of New Pretties?

4. Which Pretties do not have brain lesions?

5. Why did Maddy and Az run away?

6. What does Tally now realize about the Pretty operation?

Chapter Thirty-Two: Burning Bridges

1. How did Maddy and Az turn themselves back into Ugliers? Why did they do this?
2. Why are Maddy and Az convinced there is a cure for the brain lesions?
3. What does Tally now realize about her parents and other Pretties?
4. According to David, how is Tally different than the other Ugliers?
5. How does Tally react when David tells her that she is beautiful?
6. Why did Tally throw her pendant into the fire?
7. What is happening in The Smoke at the end of this chapter?

Part Three: Into the Fire

Chapter Thirty-Three: Invasion

1. What are the Specials doing to The Smoke?
2. What two things did The Boss keep for emergencies?
3. What was The Boss willing to do for Tally if she had been wearing shoes?
4. How does a handcuffed Tally escape from the Special?
5. What ends up happening to Tally at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Thirty-Four: The Rabbit Pen

1. Why is Croy glad to hear Tally resisted the Specials?
2. How has Tally's definition of "home" changed since she came to The Smoke?
3. Why is Shay angry at Tally?
4. Where is Tally going at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Thirty-Five: In Case of Damage

1. How did Dr. Cable and the other Specials find The Smoke?
2. What does Dr. Cable want Tally to give her?
3. What does one Special do to save Tally from falling off of the roof of the bunkhouse?
4. How does Tally escape from the Specials?

Chapter Thirty-Six: Run

1. Why is Tally nervous about riding a hoverboard with shoes or crash bracelets?

2. Why is Tally convinced that David had escaped and not been captured by the Specials?

3. Where does Tally hide so that the Specials don't detect her body heat?

4. Who is in the cave with Tally?

Chapter Thirty-Seven: Amazing

1. Why doesn't Tally tell David the truth about her pendant or how she helped the Specials?

2. How does Tally explain her knowledge of Special Circumstances Headquarters?

3. Why does Tally feel like she must go rescue David's parents and the others?

4. Should Tally tell David the truth? Why or why not?

Chapter Thirty-Eight: Ruin

1. How does David plan on finding food?

2. Why did the Smokies leave their shoes for Tally?

3. Why did the Specials burn down the library?

4. Why did The Boss sacrifice his life to save the ancient magazines?

Chapter Thirty-Nine: Maddy and Az

1. What happened to the home of David's parents?

2. How does Tally explain why she is wearing two sets of handcuffs instead of one?

3. Why doesn't David realize Tally's story is a lie?

4. What likely happened to Maddy and Az?

5. What did Maddy and Az hide in case Special Circumstances ever found The Smoke?

Chapter Forty: The Oil Plague

1. Why is Tally worried that ten days might be too late to save any of the Smokies?

2. How was the Rusty world destroyed?

3. How does the Pretty world avoid the same fate as the Rusty civilization?

Chapter Forty-One: Familiar Sights

1. What delays David and Tally for three days?

2. Why is David worried that they won't arrive in time to save his parents?

3. How are the Rusty Ruins not as scary to Tally as they were just a month before?
4. David is convinced Shay will forgive Tally. Why does Tally know that won't happen?
5. How do Tally and David plan to break into Special Circumstances Headquarters?

Chapter Forty-Two: Accomplices

1. Where are David and Tally going to find bungee jackets?
2. How long has it been since the invasion of The Smoke?
3. How did Sussy, An, and Dex learn about The Smoke?
4. Why doesn't Tally want to admit that The Smoke has been destroyed?
5. What do David and Tally want the three new Ugliers to do?

Chapter Forty-Three: Over the Edge

1. What words do the hundreds of sparkers form?
2. How is this fall in the bungee jacket different for Tally than the time she jumped from the party tower in New Pretty Town?

Chapter Forty-Four: Inside

1. Why does David not want to check the morgue?
2. Why do the names on the door convince Tally that the Smokies must be on the bottom floor of Special Circumstances Headquarters?
3. Why does Tally tell David to avoid the eye reader?
4. What does David do to Dr. Cable?
5. What happened to Shay?

Chapter Forty-Five: Rescue

1. Why was Shay forced to have the Pretty operation?
2. What has the operation done to Shay's mind?
3. How does Shay feel about having the operation?
4. Who is rescued by David and Tally?
5. What happened to Az, David's father?

Chapter Forty-Six: Getaway

1. What does Maddy ask Tally to do in order to throw the Specials off their trail?

2. Why has Shay forgiven Tally?
3. Why is Tally crying at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Forty-Seven: Night Alone

1. What does Croy tell Tally and Shay about the escape?
2. Why does Maddy want to spend some time alone with David?
3. What does Dr. Cable's work tablet reveal?

Chapter Forty-Eight: Hippocratic Oath

1. What rumors are the Smokies spreading to the Ugliers in Uglyville?
2. Why is Maddy staying away from the rest of the Smokies?
3. Why is Shay happy about being a Pretty?
4. Why doesn't Shay want to think like an Ugly again?
5. Why won't Maddy force Shay to take the treatment pills against her will?
6. What is Tally willing to do at the end of this chapter?

Chapter Forty-Nine: Confessions

1. Why is David upset with Tally's decision to become a Pretty?
2. Why does Tally finally tell David the truth?
3. Why didn't Maddy tell David the truth about Tally?

Chapter Fifty: Down the River

1. Why does Maddy want Tally to write that she wants the experimental treatment?
2. Why is Tally worried that the surgery will change her feelings for David?
3. What happens to Tally and Shay at the end of the novel?