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Summer Reading Guide: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Welcome to your summer reading journey! This packet will help you track Edward's incredible adventure. Answer the questions for each section after you finish reading those chapters. Remember to write complete sentences on notebook/lined paper!

Part 1: The House on Egypt Street (Chapters 1-7)

First Impressions:

How would you describe Edward's personality at the very beginning of the book?

Does he care about Abilene as much as she cares about him?

Pellegrina's Story:

Pellegrina tells a story about a princess who loves no one.

Why do you think she looks directly at Edward and says, "You disappoint me"?

Overboard!:

How does Edward feel when he first sinks to the bottom of the ocean?

What is the most frightening part of this experience for him?

Part 2: New Names, New Lives (Chapters 8-14)

Nellie and Lawrence:

How do the fisherman and his wife treat Edward?

How is his life with them different from his life with Abilene?

The Trash Dump:

When Lolly throws Edward in the trash, he is buried under garbage for a long time.

What does he start to realize about his own heart during this dark time?

Bull and Lucy:

Edward becomes "Malone" and travels with a hobo and his dog.

How does Edward's attitude toward other people's sadness change while sitting around the campfires?

Part 3: Heartbreak and Hope (Chapters 15–21)

The Scarecrow:

When Edward is used as a scarecrow, he feels completely hopeless.

What gives him the strength to keep going?

Bryce and Sarah Ruth:

How does Edward (now called "Jangles") feel about Sarah Ruth?

How does this prove that Pellegrina's story about the princess no longer applies to him?

The Diner:

Why does Bryce take Edward to the diner and what tragic event happens there?

Part 4: The Doll Shop (Chapters 22–Coda)

Lucius Clarke's Shop:

Edward is fixed, but his heart is broken. He tells the old doll, "I am done with being loved."

What does the old doll teach him about keeping his heart open?

The Reunion:

Describe the moment Edward is finally chosen.

How has he changed from the china rabbit we met in Chapter 1?

Back-to-School Notes: Tracking Edward's Heart

Keep these notes safe! You will use this section when you return to school to help write your first major essay. The most important part of this book isn't how Edward travels, but how his heart changes.

As you read over the summer, track how Edward's ability to love grows in the spaces below.

Owner: Abilene

Edward's Name: Edward

What did Edward learn about love or loss here?

Owner: Nellie & Lawrence

Edward's Name: Susanna

What did Edward learn about love or loss here?

Owner: Bull & Lucy

Edward's Name: Malone

What did Edward learn about love or loss here?

Owner: The Old Lady

Edward's Name: Clyde

What did Edward learn about love or loss here?

Owner: Bryce & Sarah Ruth

Edward's Name: Jangles

What did Edward learn about love or loss here?

My Final Thoughts for the Essay:

If you had to describe the main lesson Edward Tulane learned on his journey in just one sentence, what would it be?