

**8th grade summer reading assignment for
Concordia Preparatory School 2018-2019 school year**

1. Purchase a copy of Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick. 2. Read the whole book without stopping to answer questions. 3. Print these pages and answer the questions with complete sentences. 4. Your answers are due the first day of school. 5. Bring your copy of the book for the first 2 weeks of school. There will be a test on the book after the first 2 weeks.

1. Who is telling the story? What was the nickname given to him in day care?

2. What opinion do you think Max has of himself as the story begins? Why do you think he feels this way?

3. With whom does Max live? Why?

4. Who moves into Max's neighborhood? How does Max know him?

5. Why does Max go over to Kevin's backyard? (pg 12)

6. Why does Gram come to Max's room?

7. What is it about Max that startles Gwen when she first sees him?

8. Why does Max feel that everyone thinks it's a "big deal" that he looks like his father?
9. Why does Max put Kevin on his shoulders on the 4th of July? How does Kevin react to this?
10. In a few sentences, explain how Max and Kevin end up in a pond.
11. After the police help the boys out of the pond, what name does Kevin give them?
12. Where do the boys go in Chapter 9? What does Kevin tell Max about why he has been there before?
13. What do Kevin and Max each gain by being Freak the Mighty?
14. Who do Freak the Mighty meet while returning a purse? Why do these people "know" Max and Kevin?
15. Why are Max and Kevin allowed to be in the same classes at school? What kind of classes has Max been in in the past?
16. Two big events occur on Friday the 13th. Describe what happens to Max and to Kevin on this date.

17. What does Grim tell Max over the Christmas vacation that makes neither one of them happy?

18. What gift did Kevin make for Max for Christmas?

19. What other “surprise” happens to Kevin that night?

20. How is Max treated by his father? What does this indicate about Killer Kane?

21. Who tries to rescue Max? What happens to her?

22. Who ultimately rescues Max? What was inside the squirt gun?

23. What is “walking high”?

24. What special birthday is Max celebrating? What are Max and Kevin celebrating together?

25. What happens while Kevin is showing Grim how to play 3-D chess?

26. What does Max take with him to see Kevin in the hospital? Why do you think he brings that object?

27. Why is Max allowed into the ICU?

28. Kevin gives Max a book of blank pages. What does he want Max to do with it? Why?

29. How does the visit end?

30. What does Max learn when he goes to the hospital the next morning?

31. Max learns that Kevin's story about a robotic body was not true. How does Dr. Spivak explain Kevin's fantasy to Max?

32. How does Max react to Kevin's death? Use specifics from the story.

33. How does Loretta Lee actually help Max write his story?

The last 2 questions are your opinion, but should be supported with information from the story.

34. Which character from the story can you identify most with? Why?

35. What is your opinion of the ending of the novel? Would you have changed anything about the story?