

Extra Credit Reading

RYAN WHITE: MY OWN STORY

Name: _____

1. What are the chances of being born with hemophilia, and who is primarily affected with it?
2. What was Factor VIII?
3. Specifically describe one incident in which Ryan had to rely on Factor VIII.
4. How did Ryan first learn about AIDS? What did he learn?
5. What were Ryan's symptoms of AIDS, and what was the chance of a hemophiliac getting AIDS?
6. After being diagnosed with AIDS, what precautions did Ryan need to take? What was the only precaution that his nurse, Laura needed to take?
7. What is gamma globulin therapy?
8. Why was Ryan readmitted to the hospital, and what health scares occurred at the hospital?
9. What were some of the false rumors of which others had accused Ryan?
10. What rules were Ryan forced to abide by if/when he attended school?
11. What happens when AIDS affects the brain?
12. What is AZT?
13. Why was Ryan having a "bad summer"?

14. Why did Ryan believe everyone was afraid of him in Kokomo and how did he prevent this in Cisero?

15. Why did Ryan always feel like he had overcome AIDS in the summer but never felt well in the fall?

16. Why couldn't Ryan's hernia be operated on?

17. When did Ryan's mom know that her son was not going to make it this time?

18. Did you like reading this book? Why or why not?

19. What did you learn about the scientific process from reading this book?