

When you reach me by Rebecca Stead

Content ⇒ Process ↓	People	Places	Events	Themes	Connections within the novel and with the readers experience.	Structure and Methods (Use of a range of reading strategies)
Knowledge In The Book: Right There	Reread pages 1–2. How do you think Miranda feels about the note writer? What makes you think this?		Reread pages 16–18. What are things the laughing man does that make him seem crazy?			
Comprehension In the Book: Think and Search	Mom’s dream is to become a criminal defense lawyer. In what ways does she show she would be good at this job?		Reread pages 93–94, which describe a memory Miranda has about Marcus and Sal. What does Miranda think she could have done to change future events?	On page 96, Annemarie says she doesn’t like being lectured about what she eats. Then Miranda remembers Julia lecturing Annemarie at lunch once. Does this change your ideas about who really ended the friendship between Annemarie and Julia? Explain your answer.	On page 83, Jimmy explains that two-dollar bills are rare for two reasons. First, there are fewer two-dollar bills in print than one-dollar bills. Second, people like Jimmy don’t use the two-dollar bills they find; they collect them. Find out why American two-dollar bills are so special. How long have they been made? Who is pictured on this money? Also, why doesn’t the government	

					print more two-dollar bills? Share your findings with your class.	
Analysis & Application In My Head: Author and Me	What traits does the author give Mom to make her a character whom readers look up to?				Miranda's mom thinks the 'Miranda Warning' is so important that she named her daughter after it. The warning is for people held by police for questioning about a crime. Its purpose is to ensure suspects know their Constitutional rights. Find out what the warning says and how it protects people.	
Synthesis In My Head: On My Own	Have you ever lost a best friend or gone a long time without talking to him or her? How did this make you feel?				On page 73, Jimmy says his turkey is "full of preservatives" that keep it from spoiling. Preservatives include both natural and human-made chemicals that slow the rotting of food. Chemicals	

					<p>are not the only way to keep food edible, though. Other methods include freezing, drying, canning, smoking, and so on. Find out why food rots. Then choose a method of preserving food to research. Write a brief report about the method.</p>	
<p>Evaluation In My Head: On My Own</p>	<p>On page 106, the laughing man turns and runs when he sees Marcus. Then Marcus says this has happened before. Why do you think the laughing man runs from Marcus?</p>			<p>On page 117, Mom says, “I just feel like I’m stuck, like I’m afraid to take any steps, in case they’re the wrong ones.” Then Miranda says she thinks they both are stuck. What are some ways Miranda and Mom seem unable to move forward?</p>	<p>On page 144, Miranda’s attitude toward Julia changes, when she sees that Julia misses Annemarie the same way Miranda misses Sal. Describe a time when something like this happened to you. With whom were you able to connect? What experience did you share?</p>	