1. Who is the protagonist in Shakespeare’s Secret?  
   **HERO IS THE PROTAGONIST**

2. What is the main theme of Shakespeare’s Secret?  
   **THE MAIN THEME IS SEARCH FOR SELF (HERO'S IDENTITY SEARCH). LOYALTY IS ANOTHER THEME.**

3. What is the author's purpose in writing Shakespeare’s Secret?  
   **SHE WANTED TO SHARE HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TO SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF LOYALTY BUT IN AN ENTERTAINING WAY**

4. In which narrative voice is Shakespeare’s Secret written?  
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   a. First  
   b. Third  
   c. Second  
   d. Choral

5. Who are the six main characters in Shakespeare’s Secret?  
   **HERO, DANNY, MRS. ROTI, BEATRICE, MR. NETHERFIELD, MRS. NETHERFIELD**

6. What are the three settings in Shakespeare’s Secret?  
   **THE MURPHY DIAMOND HOUSE (NETHERFIELD'S HOUSE), MRS. ROTI'S HOUSE, SCHOOL**

7. Which setting do you think is the most important and why?  
   **MRS. ROTI'S HOUSE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE HERO FINDS OUT ABOUT THE MYSTERY THERE AND THAT IS WHERE MRS. ROTI, DANNY AND HERO FORM THEIR FRIENDSHIPS**

8. What is the rising action in a story? What purpose does it serve in the story?  
   **THE RISING ACTION IN A STORY IS THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LEAD UP TO THE CLIMAX. THE RISING ACTION MOVES THE PLOT FORWARD.**

9. Why is Hero nervous about changing schools?  
   **HERO KNEW THAT HER NAME WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO MAKE FUN OF HER AND SHE KNEW THAT SHE DIDN'T MAKE FRIENDS EASILY LIKE BEATRICE**

10. What happens to Hero on her first day of school?  
    **WHEN THE TEACHER ASKED HERO WHAT HER NAME WAS, HERO REPLIED, 'HERO,' THEN A GIRL NAMED TORY SAID, 'THAT'S MY DOG'S NAME.' AND ALL THE KIDS LAUGHED, MADE BARKING NOISES AND THEN WOULD NOT TALK TO HER OR LET HER SIT WITH THEM IN THE CAFETERIA**

11. How does this affect Hero?  
    **NO ONE WANTS TO BE HER FRIEND, EVERYONE IS LAUGHING AND CALLING HER A DOG, AND IT FULFILLS HER FEAR OF NOT BEING ACCEPTED. ALL OF THESE THINGS MAKE MRS. ROTI AND THE DIAMOND STORY MORE INTERESTING TO HERO. IF SHE'S THINKING ABOUT THAT, THEN SHE'S NOT THINKING ABOUT SCHOOL.**

12. Why does Hero envy Beatrice?  
    **SHE BELIEVES THAT IT IS EASY FOR BEATRICE TO FIT IN AND MAKE FRIENDS. SHE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT BEATRICE PAYS A COST FOR THAT EASE, SUCH AS BEING FRIENDS WITH KELLY WHO IS NOT REALLY A NICE PERSON.**
13. Who is Mrs. Roth and how does she move the plot forward?
MRS. ROTH IS THE NETHERFIELD'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND SHE TELLS HERO ABOUT THE THEFT AND THE MURPHY DIAMOND. SHE BECOMES ONE OF HERO'S CLOSEST FRIENDS.

14. What is Mrs. Roth's relationship with the Murphys?
MRS. ROTH WAS MR. MURPHY'S EX-WIFE AND MRS. MURPHY'S BEST FRIEND

15. Who is Danny and how does Hero meet him?
DANNY IS A POPULAR BOY IN THE JUNIOR HIGH WHO IS THE POLICE CHIEF'S SON. HE HAD WORKED FOR MRS. ROTH DURING THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DIAMOND THEFT AND HE BECOMES HERO'S CHAMPION. HE IS HERO'S 'IN'. HERO MEETS HIM WHILE SHE IS TRYING TO HELP AARON.

16. What is the connection between Edward De Vere and the Murphys?
MRS. MURPHY IS A DESCENDENT OF EDWARD DE VERE

17. What does Hero find out about Edward De Vere and Shakespeare?
SHE FINDS OUT THAT THERE IS CONTROVERSY OVER WHO REALLY WROTE THE SHAKESPEAREAN PLAYS. EDWARD DE VERE IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THE POSSIBLE WRITER. EDWARD DE VERE IS ALSO RUMORED TO BE QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SON AND ANNE BOELYN'S GRANDSON.

18. Why is Shakespeare important to Hero’s family?
MR. AND MRS. NETHERFIELD MET IN A COLLEGE CLASS ABOUT SHAKESPEARE AND MR. NETHERFIELD IS A SHAKESPEAREAN SCHOLAR

19. What do Hero, Mrs. Roth and Danny want to find?
THE MURPHY (OR DE VERE) DIAMOND FROM MRS. MURPHY'S FAMILY

20. Why is the item missing?
THE MURPHYS TOLD THE POLICE THAT THE DIAMOND HAD BEEN STOLEN.

21. Why did Mr. Murphy make the choice to fake the theft?
MRS. MURPHY WAS VERY SICK AND THEY NEEDED MONEY TO PAY FOR A TREATMENT. THE DIAMOND WAS INSURED FOR A LOT OF MONEY.

22. Who is Danny's father and why does he want the item returned?
DANNY'S FATHER IS THE POLICE CHIEF AND HE BELIEVES THAT THE MURPHYS FAKED THE THEFT

23. Where do Hero and Danny find it?
THEY FIND IT IN A LIGHT FIXTURE IN A LAMP OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE

24. What does Danny do with it after they find it and why?
DANNY MAILED IT TO HIS MOTHER SO SHE COULD HAVE MONEY FOR ACTING CLASSES AND CLOTHES

25. What do Danny and Mrs. Roth discover when the item is returned?
THEY DISCOVER THAN DANNY'S MOTHER, ANNA IS MRS. ROTH'S MISSING DAUGHTER.

26. What does Hero realize about herself through her experiences and how does that resolve the theme of the book?
HERO DISCOVERS HOW TO ACCEPT HERSELF AND THEREFORE OPENS HERSELF TO LIFE.