

Questions – Jason Reynolds Commencement Speech

1. How did the students feel when they found out they were getting a class pet?
2. How did they feel about the class pet as their class progressed?
3. What did Mr. Williams mean when he said ““Pick your heads up. You have no reason to hang them because you, in fact, did the right thing. But sometimes doing the right thing has consequences.”
4. Reynolds tells the audience that he is still haunted by this memory. Why do you think that is?
5. What does Reynolds mean by the fact that “not everyone has wings,” “some have had their wings clipped”, “those of us who dwell in unknown spaces, those of us who are beautiful beyond belief but that sometimes exist in environs too deep and murky to be seen from any stable surface.”?
6. What is the overall message of Reynolds’s speech?
7. In the article about returning shopping carts, what is the reason that most people return shopping carts or don’t return shopping carts?
8. What is a small way that you can show leadership?