

GO ASK ALICE

Hand in a text that you are proud of! Make sure to put the number of the question before your answer and write the answers to the unnumbered questions at the end below the appropriate headlines.

1. What made "Alice" begin writing a diary? (p.1)
2. Do you think writing a diary affected her life or feelings?
3. What effect does it have on us readers that the novel is in the form of a diary?
4. What kind of person is Alice in the beginning of the novel?
5. She often has mood swings, (p.3, 5). Is this common, can you relate to it?
6. The family moves in the beginning, how does she like her new house, school and people? P 14,16.
7. How is family life in the first part of the novel? (read 18-19+76) Is the statement on p. 19 true about mothers? Are mothers different from fathers? Do the parents' behaviour to Alice change throughout the novel? If so, in what way? Do you think that (enough) support from family and friends can help a person overcome any crisis?
8. Alice comes in contact with drugs on July 10 (p.26). What happens? What does she feel? What is the result afterwards:31,32,34+67? Is she responsible for what happens next?
9. In what way does she change as a person when she starts using drugs?
10. Read p. 45, Sep 10. What has happened here with her life, her independence?
11. How much do parents know about drug use and drug availability, in the novel and in your experience? (49)
12. What influence does Chris have on Alice?
13. Is she aware of the effect that drugs have on her life? (San Fran. p. 60 + 73) In which situations does she realise how bad drugs are for her?
14. Is she ever free from drugs after she tried that first time? (83, 88, 108:flashback)
15. What effect does Joel have on Alice?
16. At two occasions, Alice has been given drugs without her being aware of it. Which two occasions are those and what affect did it have? What do you think would have happened if she hadn't been introduced to drugs unwillingly in the beginning? Would her fate been different if she hadn't been given acid the second time?
17. What happened when Mrs Larsen, June 2, asked Alice to baby-sit instead of Jan? 126-127. Why is this important for the rest of the story?
18. Why are her old friends giving her such a hard time after she becomes clean beside the revenge reason, in your opinion? (examples on behaviour on p. 130, 131)
19. In what way is her writing different when she's on and when she's off drugs? (**on**:84, 86, **off**:80, 102, 106)

END

Read p. 183 Sep 21 + Epilogue. What did you feel when you read the epilogue? What do you think happened during the last three weeks after her last entry in the diary? Did she commit suicide? Was she given drugs a third time without knowing it?

Comment briefly on what you find interesting below!

In what way did she, if any, have it coming to her, this sad ending? What's her responsibility? Are the parents responsible at all? Friends? Do you think that peer pressure causes many teenagers to succumb to activities that they do not want to participate in? If you would be given drugs unwillingly, what do you think will happen? Could what happened to Alice happen to anyone? How can we prevent it from not happening? What, if anything, could have saved Alice?

How did this diary affect you? Is it trust-worthy? In what way has it affected your attitude and knowledge toward drugs? (what's the moral of the story?)

Do you think it is important that people read this diary? (why?)

GOOD LUCK!