

One Book for Nebraska Kids 2018  
Discussion Questions for  
*Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading* by Tommy Greenwald

1. Are you a reader or do you go to great lengths to avoid reading assignments?
2. If you are not a reader, what might make you enjoy it more?
3. What did you think of the scheme Charlie Joe avoided reading books?
4. What was the incident that caused Charlie Joe to hate reading?
5. What grade would you have given Charlie Joe on his position paper?
6. Did you agree with the punishment Charlie Joe was given for not reading the books for his position paper?
7. What are the cliques like in your school? Do they cause problems for you?
8. Which punishment would you have chosen: reading 10 books and writing a report on each one or writing a book?
9. If you went to Charlie Joe's school, do you think the two of you would be friends?
10. The author got the name Charlie Joe Jackson by putting together the names of his three sons: Charlie, Joe, and Jack. What name can you put together using your name and two of your friends to create another character?