The One and Only Ivan
4th Grade Summer Reading Questions

Pre-Reading Questions
Should wild animals, like elephants and gorillas be kept in exhibits in malls, circuses, or zoos? Why or why not? Write your opinion.
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Section 1: Pages 1-18
Comprehension Questions:
Does Ivan see humans in a positive or negative way? Use details from the text to back up your answer.
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Describe Julia. How does Ivan feel about her? ______________________________________
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Illustrate how you imagine Ivan’s domain in the space below.

Section 2: Pages 19-37

Comprehension Questions:
Ivan thinks Stella’s trunk is a “miracle.” Why? What can she do with it? What can’t she do?

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Using evidence from the text, describe Bob. ______________________________________
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Section 3: Pages 38-66

Comprehension Questions:
Why does Ivan wish the glass was sometimes there, and sometimes not there?
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Section 4: Pages 67-96

Comprehension Questions:

Why do you think Ivan likes drawing? Why does he draw different pictures for Ruby?

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Section 5: Pages 97-125

Comprehension Questions:

Explain why Ruby has to go into the ring without Stella. How does Ivan feel about this?

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What happened to Stella? Why?

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To comfort Ruby, Ivan tells her a story. What does he reveal about his past?

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Section 6: Pages 126-156

Comprehension Questions:

Explain what Ivan did with the cake frosting. Why?

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Section 7: Pages 157-187

Comprehension Questions:

Ivan now called his “domain” a “cage.” Why?

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Illustrate one of Ivan’s paintings in the space below.

Section 8: Pages 188-221

Comprehension Questions:

How does Ivan finally show his anger? What is the reaction of Julia and George?

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Section 9: Pages 222-255

Comprehension Questions:

People arrive with signs on sticks. Why?

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Describe Ivan’s feelings about going into the box.

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Section 10: Pages 256-300

Comprehension Questions:

Explain what happens the first time Ivan enters the gorilla exhibit? Why does this happen?
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Who is Kinyani? How does Ivan feel about her? Why does he need Bob’s advice?

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Explain what Ivan does to the new white wall. Why does he do this?
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**After Reading Questions:**

Think back on the characters of Ivan and Stella. How are they similar? How are they different? Use the Venn Diagram below to organize your ideas.

**Three Stages of Questioning:**

| These are some questions I had BEFORE I started reading: | These are some questions I had WHILE I was reading: | These are some questions I had AFTER I finished reading: |