**Chapters 5-8**

1. Describe the differences between Judson and Abbey’s past and present friendship.
2. Why does Abbey believe Judson would make a “*wonderful* president” (24)?
3. By the end of Chapter 5, how does Judson feel about running for the president of the United States? What does Judson say which supports your answer?
4. Why is the tree house important to Judson? What motivates Lane to have a “campaign strategy” meeting there?
5. What are your thoughts about Lane’s statement, “It is more important for you to *look* like you know what you are talking about than it is for you to *know* what you are talking about.”(27)?
6. What does Lane say are the main differences between the Republican and Democratic parties?
7. Which political party does Lane want Judson to represent? What is significant about being an independent when running to be the president?
8. According to Lane, what important qualities should a “running mate” possess?
9. Provide specific examples as to why June Syers would be a good running mate.
10. Explain the significance of Judson changing the name of his parakeet.
11. What is your reaction when Judson chooses Chelsea instead of Abbey as his running mate?
12. Explain June’s reaction when Judson shares his big decision. How does she feel about politicians, overall?