1. How does Julia hear music in her name? This is an example of figurative language, an extended metaphor which elicits the auditory senses.

2. What does Julia's nickname, Jude, allude to?

3. Julia's mother can quote Romeo and Juliet. What does that show you? It's implied and you infer the information.

4. How does Julia perceive her family members that visit on Sunday afternoons?

5. What is ironic about Mauricia's exotic, hard-to-pronounce name?

6. What does Julia's full name show about her cultural values?

7. What is ironic about the American response to the new baby's name, Maureen?

8. What is ironic about her little sister, Ana, regarding her nicknames and appearance?

9. Provide 3 details that indicate Julia's desire to assimilate into American culture?

10. It is more acceptable for people to talk during ceremonies in collective cultures such as Hispanic groups. What is an example of alliteration in the paragraph describing her graduation?

11. What do the terms "madrina, comadre," and "una hija de crianza" reveal about Julia's family?

12. Which of her name was used when she grew up to become a famous writer? What is the message, then?