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**Mandatory Discussion Questions After Reading**

Answer ALL of the following questions using DETAILS from the story to support your answer. You should answer them as you are reading, since they are to be done. USE COMPLETE SENTENCES, PARAGRAPHS, and a SEPARATE piece of paper. This will be collected for a QUIZ grade at the end of our second study.

1. Consider the following quote from page 11 and answer the questions that follow:

"We wanted to define her, to wrap her up as we did each other, but we could not seem to get past 'weird' and 'strange' and 'queer.' Her ways landed us off balance. A single word seemed to hover in the classroom sky over the school: **IDENTY**"

- Who is "we"?
- Why is she so different?
- Why might they want to define her?

2. Write 2-3 paragraphs about how accepting you think you are. What makes you think this way about yourself? Is there room for improvement -- could you be even more accepting? Show! This is a self-reflection, so don't worry about other students and how accepting you believe them to be; just write about yourself.

3. Make a prediction about Stangol's effect on the students at Moon High. What do you suppose might happen? Think about things that we discussed in class yesterday.

4. Consider these quotes:

"Moon Area High School MOOSE was not exactly a hotbed of inconsistency. There were individual contacts here and there, of course, but within pretty narrow limits we all wore the same clothes, talked the same way, ate the same food, listened to the same music." (pg. 10)

"We wanted to define her, to wrap her up as we did each other, but we could not seem to get past 'weird' and 'strange' and 'queer.' Her ways landed us off balance." (pg. 11)

"The process 'we' itself seemed to crack and drift apart in pieces." (pg. 14)

- Discuss what kind of change we see in these quotes. First of all, define who "we" is? What is the change? Who's causing the change? What does the third quote mean? Is this a good or bad thing?

5. Describe the following characters:

- Stangol
- Lee
- Arthur
- Helen