Take notes as you are reading to help you answer these questions. You may use post its to mark passages you want to remember.

* How does the surgery change Charlie?
* How do the author’s choices contribute to your understanding of those changes and their impact on Charlie?
* How does irony impact our understanding of Charlie?
* Charlie has surgery to be like others around him. What happens as a result of the surgery? How is this ironic?
* How does Charlie change in the progress reports from May 23-July 28?
* Is Charlie better off as a result of the surgery?