

## Connections

### T-S

- Connect to the characters' personalities
  - *Like Charlie, I hate being made fun of*
- Connect to the characters' problems
  - *Dr. Nemur's wife pressures him to succeed. My parents pressure me to succeed.*
- Connect to the story's events
  - *I, too, have been made fun of behind my back, just like Charlie*
- Connect to characters' observations about the world
  - *Charlie thinks it's horrible that people with handicaps get made fun of; so do I.*
- Connect to characters' choices and judge them
  - *In Charlie's situation, I would have never done the experiment.*
- React to the text
  - *It makes me angry that Charlie is treated poorly*

### T-T

- Compare characters' personalities
  - *Charlie is naïve, like the Pigman*
- Compare story events and plotlines
  - *In this story, Charlie has no control over the events, sort of like Anne Frank has no control over her circumstances*
- Connect lessons, themes, or messages in stories
  - *Both Charlie and Ponyboy wonder about the price of popularity*

### T-W

- Background knowledge from what you've learned
  - *I remember learning in science about how lab rats are used in psychological tests.*
- Background knowledge from current events
  - *Is life worth living if you're not smart? This is sort of like how parents can now abort a baby if they know it will be disabled. Is that okay?*
- Background knowledge from personal experience
  - *I've experienced ink blot tests and know why Charlie is confused*