

# The Report Card

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1. What is the name of the main character?  
Nora Rose Rowley
2. What is the name of her best friend?  
Stephen Curtis
3. What is unusual about Nora?  
She is a genius who doesn't want anyone to know it. She tries to act like an average kid.
4. Why did Nora get all D's on her report card?  
To make Stephen feel smart.
5. At Nora's family dinner, what did she do when it was her turn to show her report card?  
She refused and was not allowed to leave the table until she did. She fell asleep at the table and her Dad carried her to bed.
6. What was her punishment for not showing her report card?  
She was grounded.
7. When Nora's parents went to see the principal about her grades, the principal called a meeting of all Nora's teachers. What did they argue about?  
The teachers said that Nora had C's until the last week of the marking period, so there was no time to notify the parents before report cards came out.
8. Who first realized Nora was a genius and how did she find out?  
Mrs. Byrne, the librarian, noticed all the websites that Nora had been going on the computer that Nora always used.
9. When Dr. Trindler, the school psychologist, tested Nora's IQ, how did she do?  
She missed 3 out of every 10 questions on purpose to try to be average. Because the test was made for 16 year olds, the test translated to an IQ of 188 or a genius.
10. Dr. Trindler just thought the score was wrong. What made him realize that the score was correct?  
He heard Nora arguing about the sun with Merton. Nora blurted it out because Merton was making fun of Stephen.

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11. Once everyone knew how smart Nora was, what did she and Stephen plan to do?  
Nora became obnoxiously smart to everyone, then got all zeroes on her tests.
12. Once Nora starts doubting her theory, who helps her make sense of her smartness?  
Mrs. Byrnes, the librarian
13. Nora stayed home sick after her zero test day. What happened at school while she was absent?  
Everyone in 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies got zeroes on their tests.
14. When Nora and Stephen got caught starting the rebellion about grades, what punishment did Mrs. Hackney, the principal give them?  
Two week suspension
15. Who tried to make the adults see that Nora and Stephen were trying to make everyone look at the negative aspects of testing?  
Mrs. Byrnes, the librarian
16. Nora asked to speak to the students. What did she tell them?  
Nora said she was worried about grades, not whether they were or bad but the whole idea of grades. She realized that some teachers agreed with her. She also apologized and said that there were better ways to do things than rebel.
17. The school wanted to place Nora in the gifted program. Did they?  
Nora objected. After Nora explained why, her mom agreed.
18. Why didn't Nora want to go to the gifted program?  
She wanted to be normal, to be happy, to hang with her friends, listen to music, read books, and not have any special treatment because she was smart.
19. When Nora stopped in the library to thank Mrs. Byrnes, what did Nora ask Mrs. Byrnes about college?  
Nora asked which college had the best course in Library Science, just in case Nora wanted to reach her full potential.