Who wrote *Al Capone Does My Shirts*?
Gennifer Choldenko (p. 0)

What apartment does Moose and his family live in?
Apt. 2E (map after TOC)

In what decade does *Al Capone Does My Shirts* take place?
1930’s

What year does Moose and his family move to Alcatraz?
1935 (p.3)

How large is Alcatraz?
12 acres (pg. 3)

What big city is Alcatraz Island near?
San Francisco (p. 3)

According to Moose, how do prisoners end up at Alcatraz?
“By being the worst of the worst.” (p. 3)

Why did Moose’s family move to Alcatraz?
So Natalie could go to the Esther P. Marinoff School (p. 3)

What is the name of the school Natalie tries to get into?
Ester P. Marinoff (p. 3)

What does Natalie collect?
Buttons (p. 4)

What is Moose’s real name?
Matthew (p. 5)

Who was the first person to start calling Moose by his nickname?
Natalie (p. 5)

What does Moose sleep with during his first night on Alcatraz?
A Baseball Bat (pg. 7)

Why does the nickname “Moose” fit him?
He’s very tall for his age (p. 5) and has large feet (p. 8)

Who is Moose’s best friend from back home?
Pete (p. 5)

What other name does Moose use to refer to Alcatraz?
Devil’s Island (p. 5)
How many jobs does Moose’s dad work on the island and what are they?  
2, electrician and guard (pg. 7)

How was Moose’s mom able to calm Natalie down on the train ride to San Francisco?  
She sat on her (pg. 9)

How old is Moose?  
12 (p. 11)

How old is Theresa Mattaman?  
7 and ¼ (p. 11)

How old does Moose’s family pretend Natalie to be?  
10 (p. 11)

Why does Moose’s family pretend that Natalie is ten?  
It was easier for her to be younger than Moose so that their mom could be happy for new things Moose did without them being more things Natalie couldn’t do. (p. 12)

Who comes to show Moose and Natalie around on their first day?  
Theresa Mattaman (pg. 12)

Who is Piper’s father?  
The Warden (Warden Williams) (p. 13)

What is Piper’s last name?  
Williams (p. 13)

What does Theresa give Moose during the tour?  
An Al Capone trading card (pg. 14)

Name two nicknames of Al Capone.  
Scarface, Big Al, Snorkey (p. 14)

What was Al Capone sent to jail for?  
Tax evasion (p. 15)

What does Moose ask Natalie to prove to Piper that she is not stupid?  
What day of the week Piper was born (pg. 18)

How did Mr. Flanagan explain Natalie to Theresa?  
That Natalie lives in her own world. Sometimes it’s a good world and sometimes it’s a bad world. And sometimes she can get out and sometimes she can’t. (p. 18)

What does Moose ask Natalie every morning?  
The sun get up okay this morning? (p. 22)
What does Natalie always want for breakfast?
Lemon cake (p. 22)

What are Moose’s parents’ names?
Cam and Helen (p. 24)

What does Natalie like getting read aloud to her?
Book indexes (p. 25)

Finish this phrase the cons at Alcatraz say: Twelve minutes to get to Alcatraz . . .
Twenty years to get back (p. 26)

How does Moose get Natalie off the boat the first time they go to the Esther P. Marinoff School?
He reads her the index from McGregor’s Illustrated Animal Book (he reads the wrong page numbers and she corrects him and he leads her off the boat) (p. 28)

What does Mrs. Flanagan’s second cousin, Mrs. McCraw, think they should do with Natalie?
Institutionalize her (pg. 29)

What activity does Moose like to do with his dad?
Play catch/baseball (p. 30)

What’s the slang term Moose’s father uses for handcuffs?
Bracelets (p. 32)

Who does the laundry on Alcatraz?
The prisoners/convicts (p. 34)

Approximately how my convicts are detained at Alcatraz?
300 (p. 35) or 278 (p. 83)

What does the warden do with all convicts when they first arrive on Alcatraz?
Speaks with them personally, lets them know what he expects (p. 37)

Why does the warden want the guard corps within walking distance of the cell house?
So they can be at the jail quickly in the event of a break (p. 38)

The warden’s rules that he gives Moose:
1. There’s no contact with the convicts.
2. Do no enter an area that is fenced off.
3. No visitors unless you’ve made your request in writing one week prior to the visiting day.
4. Do not speak to any outsiders about what goes on here.
5. You must walk through the metal detector upon entering and leaving the island. (And . . . no pets, nothing that can be used as a weapon, including things going out in the trash) (p. 38-40)

What does the warden ask Moose to do for Piper, as a favor to him?
Help carry her projects to school (p. 40)

Who is Moose’s English teacher? 
Miss Bimp (p. 43)

What does Piper tell the class she did over Christmas Vacation? 
She sang carols for the inmates (pg. 44)

What does Piper sell to the kids at school? 
Alcatraz laundry service (p. 47)

Whose idea is the laundry scheme? 
Piper’s (p. 47)

How much does Piper’s laundry service charge? 
Five cents a shirt (pg. 47) and two cents for socks (pg. 78)

What does Moose do after his first day at school? 
Play baseball (pg. 48/49)

What is Moose’s favorite sport? 
Baseball (p. 49)

What baseball position does Moose tell Scout he wants to play? What position does he actually end up playing?  
First; Second (p. 51)

On what day of the week did Scout and the kids from school originally play baseball? 
Mondays (p. 52)

Out of Piper, Theresa, Jimmy, and Annie, who’s good at baseball? 
Annie (p. 56)

Who has convict baseballs before Moose searches for one? 
Annie, Piper, Jimmy (p. 57)

Who lives in the apartment next to the phone and has to answer it when it rings? 
Mrs. Caconi (p. 60)

Who is Mr. Purdy? 
The headmaster at the Esther P. Marinoff School (p. 61)

How long was Natalie at the Esther P. Marinoff School before they decided she wasn’t “settling in” there?  
36 hours (p. 61)

Why did Natalie get kicked out of the Esther P. Marinoff School?
There was a skirmish over Natalie’s button box and she screamed early in the morning (in a residential neighborhood, for almost an hour) (p. 69)

Who does Mr. Purdy suggest work with Natalie to help her get ready? Mrs. Kelly (pg. 69)

What does Natalie promise to Moose to get him to do the laundry scheme with her? That she’ll be nice to Natalie (p. 74)

What does Mrs. Kelly suggest Natalie's family do? A clean sweep, get rid of Natalie's obsessions (p. 81)

Why can’t Moose stay after school to play baseball anymore after that first day? He has to watch Natalie while his mom teaches piano classes (pg. 82)

Why does Bea Trixle say Alcatraz is safer than San Francisco? All their bad guys are locked up (p. 83)

What number convict is Al Capone? 85 (p. 97)

What do the convicts wear? White hats, denim shirts, and pants (p. 97)

What excuse does Piper give Mr. Trixle for bringing laundry to school? She tells him it's a city-wide science project, comparing the weight of dry cloth to wet cloth (p. 99)

How do the kids react when Piper returns their clothes to them? They were angry because their clothes were just clean and there was no proof Al Capone washed them (pg. 100-101)

How much money was everyone going to get from the laundry service? $1.06 (pg. 110)

How much money does Piper’s laundry scheme make? Three dollars and twenty cents (pg. 110)

What is one of the things Piper, Annie, or Jimmy could do with the $1.06 they got from the laundry scheme? Buy an Italian dinner in North Beach, a double feature at the movies, a month of swims at the pool, a bunch of rides on the streetcars (p. 110)

Who got in trouble for helping Piper with her laundry service? Annie, Jimmy & Moose (pg. 110)

How does the warden find out about the laundry scheme? The mother of their classmate, Del Peabody, writes the warden a letter (pg. 112)
What does the warden threaten to do if Moose, Annie and Jimmy are ever caught breaking the rules again?
He will fire their fathers without pay (pg. 115)

How were each of the kids punished for their part in the laundry scheme. How were each punished?
Moose: got his baseball equipment taken away (p. 121)
Annie: has to go to church with her mom every day (p. 125)
Piper: got sent off the island to live with her grandma (p. 125)
Jimmy: didn’t really get punished (p. 126)

What new hobby does Moose take up with Theresa after he can’t find anyone to play baseball with?
Bowling (p. 126)

Who’s in charge of reading through the mail and censoring the letters that the cons receive?
Piper’s mom (p. 128)

How does Piper find out that Al’s mom is coming to visit him?
She reads a letter to Al from his wife (pg. 128)

Who comes to visit Alcatraz on March 31?
Al Capone’s mother (p. 128)

Who goes with Piper on the boat to see Al’s mom?
Jimmy, Moose, Theresa & Rocky (pg. 130)

What does Moose think Al Capone’s mother looks like?
Like anyone’s grandma (not flashy like her son) (p. 131)

What gets Mrs. Capone’s (Al Capone’s mother) attention on the ferry?
Rocky’s crying (p. 132)

Who quiets baby Rocky down on the boat to Alcatraz?
Mrs. Capone (p. 133)

Why does Mrs. Capone leave Alcatraz without seeing her son?
She is strip searched because of the metal stays on her corset and she is terrified and humiliated (pg. 134)

Why is Theresa sent to get her mother when Mrs. Capone gets to the prison?
Because she speaks Italian (pg. 134)

Why does Moose want a convict baseball?
So he can give to Scout to remain his friend (pg. 136)

What is the first time Moose realizes that Mrs. Kelly might be helping Natalie?
When she does an imitation of Mrs. Kelly (pg. 137)
Why does Moose start leaving Natalie alone for short periods of time?
So he can search the bushes by the baseball field to find a convict baseball (pg. 139)

What number does Natalie keep repeating after Moose leaves her alone to find a convict ball?
105 (pg. 141)

What bridges can Moose see being built when his is on the island?
Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge (p. 145)

When Moose can’t find Natalie, who does he find her with?
A con, #105 (p. 148)

What is the con’s number that Natalie makes friends with?
105 (p. 148)

Why does Natalie keep repeating the number 105?
It’s the inmate number of the convict that has befriended her (pg. 148)

How does Moose finally get a convict baseball?
Con #105 gives him one (p. 148)

Why is Mrs. Flanagan worried that the Esther P. Marinoff school won’t readmit Natalie?
Because the school does accept children over the age of twelve (pg. 155)

What part of grammar has Moose’s mom been working on getting Natalie to use?
Pronouns (p. 157)

How did #105 come to be out and about where he could find Natalie?
He has left than a year left on his sentence so he is a low escape risk, he is on gardening detail, he’s put together a lot of good time (p. 162)

What is convict 105’s nickname?
Onion (pg. 162)

What does Moose always give Natalie that she is not supposed to have?
Her buttons and lemon cake (pg. 165)

How does Moose calm Natalie down after her tantrum over wanting to go outside?
Rolls her up in a rug (p. 169)

What is exciting about Natalie saying “eye outside”?
She is actually saying “I outside” and using a pronoun for the first time (pg. 170)

Who does Natalie say she wants at her birthday party?
Theresa (p. 188)
When is Al Capone’s birthday?
January 17th (pg. 189)

Who opens Natalie’s birthday presents for her?
Theresa (pg. 189)

What does Natalie get for her birthday?
From Moose – a Math workbook (p. 189)
From Piper – a bag of buttons (p. 190)
From Dad – book about birds with large index (p. 190)
From Mom – book bag embroidered with “Natalie Flanagan, The Esther P. Marinoff School” (p. 190)

How old is Natalie, really?
16 (p. 191)

What is the punch line to Natalie’s joke that she tells Mr. Purdy, Why did the chicken cross the road?
Because one of his buttons rolled to the other side (p. 195)

What is Mr. Purdy’s reason for not readmitting Natalie to the Esther P. Marinoff school?
Because she isn’t ready (pg. 198)

Who does Moose call when Natalie fails to get readmitted to the Esther P. Marinoff school?
Mrs. Kelly (pg. 200)

What does Moose ask the warden to do to help Natalie get into the Esther P. Marinoff school?
Call some of his influential friends, or Al Capone, to get the school to reconsider their decision (pg. 202)

Moose has two ideas of people who might be able to use their influence to get Natalie into the Esther P. Marinoff School. Who are they?
The Warden and Al Capone (p. 203)

Who does Moose write a letter to in hopes of getting Natalie into the Esther P. Marinoff school?
Al Capone (pg. 209)

How did Piper ask Al Capone to respond when she sent him a letter?
Put his answer in Jane Eyre from the prison library (p. 207)

Why didn’t Piper enjoy living with her grandma for two months?
She’s crabby and boils everything (p. 208)

What is “The Mom Rule” that Moose says all guys use?
Makes guys act better when they remember they have a mother (p. 210)

What is the official reason that Natalie is reaccepted into the Esther P. Marinoff school?
Mr. Purdy has decided to open a new branch of the school for older kids (pg. 213)
Who says: “Life is amazing, isn’t it? You can never tell what will happen. Nobody knows until they go ahead and play the game.”?
Moose’s dad (p. 214)

What does Moose find in his shirt pocket the day after Natalie is reaccepted into the Esther P. Marinoff school?
A scrap of paper that says the word “Done” and is underlined twice.

What was written on the piece of paper Moose finds in his shirt at the end of the book?
Done (p. 215)

Criminals mentioned in the book at Alcatraz:
Al Capone (p. 14)
Machine Gun Kelly (p. 15)
Roy Gardner (p. 15)
Weasel (p. 73)
Onion (p. 162)

WHERE Questions (13)

Where does Al Capone Does My Shirts take place?
Alcatraz Island (p. 3)

What school is Natalie’s family trying to get her enrolled in?
Esther P. Marinoff (p. 5)

Where was Al Capone born?
New York (p. 14)

Where is the first place Theresa takes Moose on their tour?
The morgue (pg. 13)

Where does Moose’s dad find his glove when it turns up missing?
Natalie’s room (p. 31)

Where in the warden’s house does Moose have his first meeting with him?
The library (p. 36)

Where did the Flanagans live before moving to Alcatraz?
Santa Monica (p. 37)

Where does Moose play ball with the kids from school?
South Field (p. 48)

Where do the cons play baseball?
In the rec yard (p. 56)
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Where does Moose say cons go if they have library books more than ten days overdue?
The “hole,” or solitary confinement, “overdue library book cell” (p. 77)

Where does the ferry dock on the mainland?
Fort Mason (p. 99)

Where do Moose, Theresa, and Natalie go bowling?
The Officers’ Club (p. 126)

Where does Piper get sent to live after the laundry scheme?
In Nob Hill (San Francisco) with her grandma (p. 125)