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   Opal felt happy to see Amanda because although she didn’t realize it, Amanda was starting to become Opal’s friend. After she found out that Amanda also had experienced pain and sadness in her life, it made Opal feel closer to her. She began to realize they may have more in common than she expected.

3. Why was Otis a bit afraid to walk into the party?
   Otis was a little afraid to walk into the party because he was worried that people might judge him and think poorly of him since he was a convict. This party was the first time he was around a group of people since he had been released so he was hesitant to interact with them.

4. What caused Opal to forget about Winn-Dixie?
   Opal forgot about Winn-Dixie because as they were outside a thunderstorm rolled in and it began pouring. The rain turned everything chaotic and Opal had to make sure she helped Gloria Dump get inside safely, since her sight wasn’t very good, and also bring in the food and other items. Amongst the craziness she forgot that Winn-Dixie had a pathological fear of thunderstorms.
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Gloria told Opal that there's no way you can hold onto something that wants to go, and you can only love what you got, while you got it. By saying this to Opal she was reminding her that you cannot control or understand what others do. The only thing you can do is love it what you have, and enjoy it while it's in your life.

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7. Where was Winn-Dixie, and how did they find him?

Winn-Dixie never left Gloria's house. He was hiding under her bed the whole time. They found him because in the midst of Otis playing music they heard somebody sneeze. After realizing it wasn't any of them they heard the sneeze again and it was coming from Gloria's bedroom. Upon inspecting the situation they found Winn-Dixie, smiling from underneath the bed, listening to Otis's guitar.

8. Why do you think Opal said in the future, she probably won't think about her mother as much as she did this summer? What changed?

Opal said this because in the beginning she was feeling very sad and lonely, and she used to think about her mother all the time, hoping that she would return to their lives. By the end of the summer, Opal filled that empty spot in her heart. Winn-Dixie came into her life and through him she found new friends, and managed to become closer with her father. In doing this she realized she probably wouldn't think about her mother as much because she no longer needed her to fill that emptiness inside.