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**Chapter 1 Hashtag Notes**

Teacher model (example):

I start the reading knowing that Rachel is a blind racer (from the title) but I don’t know how she got that way. Was it a birth defect or complication from birth? A

side effect of illness or disease? Was it the consequence of a horrible accident? All of these thoughts are going through my mind as I begin to read the autobiography. However, in the first paragraph, what strikes me the most is that life for Rachel started out very normal. I think that is what the author is really trying to tell me about her birth.

Some details are interesting (a month late, 10 lbs., etc.) but they are not the **central** idea (what all details center around – think about a circle and all details leading to the innermost spot in the center like a bullseye, where the bullseye target is your central/main idea). There are plenty of babies that are born late, by c-section, 10 lbs., and with hair. Nothing about those details should alarm me into jumping to the incorrect conclusion that they would be a sign of blindness.

I also need to keep in mind that my hashtag should be a short phrase (not a long sentence – aim for 3-5 words), it must be specific and all encompassing (covers all of the most important points), and not be so short that it is actually a topic (example: #stupidity vs. #mom ignores dad). Keeping all of this in mind, my hashtag for the 1 chunk (section of text on the same topic) is…

#a normal birth

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1. #a normal birth
2. #babys abnormal eyesight
3. #nurse calms dad

We do / Group

(Guided Practice)

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1. #plagued dad calls doc
2. #dads chicken little

6.

7.

8.

We do / Pairs

(Guided Practice)

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(8.)

9.

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Independent

(Practice by yourself without help from anyone)

Starting on pg.9, you will need to practice chunking or sectioning the text on your own. You do NOT chunk by paragraph just because it’s a paragraph. Some chunks will be 1 paragraph and some will be several. You move onto a new chunk when something changes: topic, new character, new idea/insight/conclusion, etc. Look back over pages 7-8 to see how I divided the text. It may be difficult in the beginning but please try it all to the best of your ability!