Worksheet A

Aphasia Book Club, Chapters 8-10

The 100-Year-Old Man who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

1. “Benny was an almost-vet, almost-doctor, almost-architect, almost-engineer, almost-botanist, almost-language teacher, almost-sports teacher, almost-historian and almost quite a few other things” (pg. 87). Describe Benny’s relationship with his brother. Do you think Benny is a good brother? If you were Benny or his brother, what would go to school to learn?
2. How does The Beauty discover who Allan, Benny and Julius are? She is both angry and curious (pg. 94). Would you have reacted similarly? What do Allan and Julius offer The Beauty? Would you have accepted their offer?
3. What four questions must Allan answer when he arrives in New York at Ellis Island? (pg. 101). What does he discover in Los Alamos? (pg. 104-106) Where do you think Allan will go next?
4. In chapter 10, Allan thinks of a “wild idea” (pg. 117). What is this wild idea? Was it successful? Have you ever had to think of an idea quickly? What happened?