Study Tips for “Charles” by Shirley Jackson

1. Know the plot twist in “Charles”.
2. Why is the plot twist so effective?
3. Think about Laurie’s parents. Are they keenly aware of what’s going on with their son?
4. Are Laurie’s parents good parents? Why/why not?
5. From whose point of view is the story told?
6. How does Laurie feel about his/Charles’ behavior? How do you know?
7. What type(s) of irony are found in “Charles”?