**Essay Topics-When you Reach ME**

**Essay Topic 1**

Compare and contrast Miranda and Julia. Both girls had and have influence over Annemarie but have their hold on her in very different ways. Why are their differences classic examples of conflict in drama? What other similarities and dissimilarities are there between the two characters?

**Essay Topic 2**

Rebecca Stead is a master at dramatic devices. Choose an example of symbolism, metaphors, and irony, briefly describe them and identify the technique which they embody.

**Essay Topic 3**

What is the overall setting for the novel? Be sure to include geography, time period and any pertinent popular culture events. Why did Stead choose to use these places in the novel?

**Essay Topic 4**

Friendship is everything is an important theme in WHEN YOU REACH ME. Can you cite an example to support this theme? Name two other themes and cite examples to support your answer.

**Essay Topic 5**

Create a character study of...

**Essay Topic 6**

What life lessons does Miranda's mother teach us about how to treat people?

**Essay Topic 7**

Marcus punching Sal has far-reaching consequences. What does the novel suggest about senseless acts of violence?