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I, Robot - Literary Response Questions for Chapter 1

Respond to the following questions in 2-5 sentences. Use details from the novel to support your answers.

1. Describe Robbie's personality and his relationship with Gloria. What kind of feelings does he exhibit?
2. If Robbie were a person, how old do you think he would be mentally and physically?
3. What is the First Law? Does Robbie obey the First Law?
4. Mrs. Weston has very strong negative feelings about Robbie. Why doesn't she like him? Why does she call Robbie "it" while Gloria and her father refer to Robbie using the terms "he, him or his"? Cite at least 2 quotes that really convey her feelings.

5. How do you feel about Robbie? Do you agree or disagree with Mrs. Weston?

6. How does Mrs. Weston feel at the end of the story?

7. When Gloria is looking for Robbie, she talks to the "Talking Robot" and with a simple question, the robot overloads and malfunctions. What happened and why?

8. If you had a personal robot, do you think you would feel the type of attachment that Gloria had with Robbie? Is owning a robot that much different than owning a pet? Why? Are attachments that you form at a younger age stronger than those formed as you get older?

1. Mr. Struthers mentions that there is a small amount of robot labor at the factory, where robots make more robots. How can robot labor affect the need for human labor? Don't we want robots to do work for us? Why would a labor union object to this idea? Is this true today?