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## The Absurd Adventures of Teenage Tomfoolery

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. In what ways did Tom Johnson's absurd actions challenge the conventional norms of Mundanville and why were they initially met with resistance by the town's adults?
2. How did Tom's campaign to rename Mundanville to "Whimsyville" and his run for mayor on the platform of "Unlimited Ice Cream for All" contribute to the absurdity of the story, and what reactions did they provoke from the townspeople?
3. What does the story suggest about the role of absurdity and creativity in breaking the monotony of daily life, and how might this message resonate with American teenagers facing the challenges of conformity and routine?
4. How might Tom's character and actions be seen as a form of satire, and what societal or cultural norms might his absurdity be critiquing or commenting on?

