

SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF MAYBE BY JO HACKL

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG READERS

1. HOW ARE YOU SIMILAR TO CRICKET? IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU DIFFERENT?
2. IF YOU WERE LEFT AT A STORE ALONE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
3. HOW DID CRICKET CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE STORY?
4. NAME THREE SPECIAL SKILLS CRICKET USED TO GET HER THROUGH HER DILEMMA.
5. NAME THREE SPECIAL SKILLS YOU HAVE THAT YOU CAN USE WHEN YOU'RE IN A TIGHT SPOT.
6. HOW WOULD THE STORY HAVE CHANGED IF CHARLENE WASN'T WITH CRICKET?
7. IF YOU HAD AN ADVENTURE LIKE CRICKET'S, WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL WOULD YOU TAKE AS YOUR COMPANION?
8. THINK ABOUT THE WAYS ANOTHER PERSON'S HEALTH HAS AFFECTED YOU. WHAT ARE SOME COMPASSIONATE WAYS YOU WOULD HELP OR HAVE HELPED SOMEONE WHO HAD A HEALTH PROBLEM?
9. IN THE STORY, CRICKET FEELS BADLY ABOUT HOW SHE ACTED THE LAST TIME SHE WAS WITH HER MOM. HAVE YOU FELT THIS WAY? IF SO, HOW DID YOU HANDLE IT?
10. NAME A POET WHOSE WORK SPEAKS TO YOU.
11. AFTER READING *SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF MAYBE*, WILL YOU START READING MORE POETRY? WILL YOU READ IT ALOUD TO YOUR PET(S)?
12. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MOVED BY A PIECE OF ART? IF SO, WHAT WAS IT AND HOW DID IT TOUCH YOU?
13. MISS V IS A FRIEND OF CRICKET'S AND A DISTANT RELATIVE. EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE MUCH DIFFERENT AGES, THEY STILL LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FRIEND WHO WASN'T AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER THAT YOU THOUGHT OF AS FAMILY? WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THAT PERSON?
14. MISS V'S USE OF A MADSTONE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FOLK REMEDY. FOLK REMEDIES ARE METHODS OF HEALING ILLNESS AND INJURY WITHOUT DOCTORS AND MEDICINE. HAVE YOU EVER USED A FOLK REMEDY? WHAT WAS IT?
15. WOULD YOU EVER WANT TO LIVE IN A GHOST TOWN? WHY OR WHY NOT?

16. CRICKET IS COMFORTABLE BEING OUT IN NATURE. ARE YOU? IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU INTERACTED WITH NATURE?
17. IF YOU WERE CRICKET IN THE STORY, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY?
18. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING CRICKET LEARNED DURING THE COURSE OF *SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF MAYBE*?
19. IF YOU COULD GIVE CRICKET ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
20. IF YOU COULD ASK THE AUTHOR ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

