

Discussion Questions

1. The novel is told through the perspectives of multiple generations of women from the Lafleur family, including Olmène and her granddaughter Cétoute. How does this shifting perspective shape your understanding of the family's story?
2. Compare the different matriarchs of the Lafleur family. In what ways do their personal decisions, hopes, and sorrows influence the generations that follow?
3. The use of "we" in the collective narrative creates a sense of shared experience, but the identity of this "we" shifts over time. What effect does this have on the reader?
4. Moonbath can be seen as a work of historical memory. How does the novel use the Lafleur family saga to preserve and reflect on a specific time and place in Haitian history?
5. The narrative touches on political and economic turmoil. How do large-scale historical events and the promise of "miracles" from outsiders affect the characters' lives?

