

The Forgotten Forest

Discussion Questions

Chapter 1:

Who do you think is speaking?

Who do you think they are talking about?

Chapter 2:

-According to Max, why is it ironic that his parents tell him not to play pretend?

Chapter 3:

-Why do you think Max had such a hard time talking about himself? Why was the Headmaster's question so difficult for him to answer?

Chapter 4:

-What was symbolic about the bird in the oak tree?

-What do you think Max needs to "Let go" of?

Chapter 5:

-How would you feel if you were Max and you just found out you were being sent away to boarding school for the summer?

Chapter 6:

-Why do you think Max's dream felt so familiar?

-When Max touched the stone in the clearing, why do you think it was warm?

- Why do you think the stone gnome keeps saying things like, "...we hoped you'd come back..." or "Everyone will be excited to see you again"?*
- Why do you think Max is so confused by the stone gnome's comments?*
- If you were Max, would you have gone with the stone gnome?*

Chapter 7:

- If you were Max, would you have turned around when you heard the commotion ahead?*
- What do you think the coin in the box was from?*
- Who do you think were the two characters in the drawing Max saw hanging on the wall?*
- Why do you think Phaeton is so angry?*
- Who do you think carried Max to bed at the end of the chapter?*

Chapter 8:

- Why was Max confused when he first woke up?*
- Do you think the attackers are symbolic of something from Max's real life?*
- What changed when Max caught the sword?*
- Why do you think the King and Queen want Max to leave the forest?*
- Do you think the King and Queen are symbolic of something from Max's real world?*
- What do you think the hourglass represents?*

Chapter 9:

- Who do you think Neja was talking about when she said, "Because I believe the right person has not read it yet."?*

Chapter 10:

- What did Lady Celia mean when she said Max was struggling. What do you think she meant when she said, "You are struggling to find yourself"?*
- At the end of the chapter, what caused Max's doubt and fear to instantly wash away?*

Chapter 11:

- Why did Max feel guilty when he looked at the coin in the box?*

Chapter 12:

- What do you think Max's powers are?*
- Why do you think the King and Queen are afraid of him discovering these powers?*

Chapter 13:

- If you were Max, would you have touched the dragon egg?*
- Why did Phaeton stop Max from helping the dragon out of its shell?*
- What do you think Lyra's message means?*

Chapter 14:

- What do you think a True Tear is?*
- Why did the forest start to change when Max left?*
- What do you think "The Edge" represents?*
- What do you think Neja meant in saying "I believe your dragon has given you the key back into the forest"?*

Chapter 15:

- What do you think the raven meant when he said, "The time is now. There is no other time but right now"?
- What do you think the message was in Max's dream?

Chapter 16:

- What do you think Neja meant when she said, "The edge of our world. It is a place where nothing exists, yet everything is possible"?
- Why do you think it was so hard for Max to ask the Pixies for a wish?
- What do you think the "Wish of Time" is? Do you have any predictions on how this will be used?

Chapter 17:

- Who do you think the giant symbolizes from Max's real life?
- What do you think a True Tear is?

Chapter 18:

- Who do you think the witch symbolizes from Max's real life?
- How do you think the water ended up in Max's bucket?
- What powers do you think Max has?

Chapter 19:

- In Max's dream, what do you think Lyra meant when she said, "If you can dream it, you can have it"?
- If you found a Kalpa root, what would it taste like to you?
- Do you think there is an underlying message about the Grumblers?
- Do you think there is an underlying message with Fish?
- If Fish gave you a bubble to smash, what worry would you put in it?

Chapter 20:

-Do you think the girl was really Beatrice?

-What do you think the bird in the cage represents? Is there a message here?

Chapter 21:

-Why do you think Max always doubts himself?

Chapter 22:

-Do you think the hourglass is symbolic of something?

Chapter 23:

-What did Max discover about himself in the end?

-How has Max changed from the beginning of the story to the end?