

Finding Mother Series

Book 2 - Reuniting with Mother

Extended Discussion & Critical Thinking

Use these questions to extend comprehension, encourage thoughtful discussion, strengthen writing and critical-thinking skills, and make connections to the memoir.

Discussion Questions

1. Name at least three (3) common symptoms of Mother's diagnosis.
2. Did Mother exhibit any of these symptoms? If so, which ones?
3. Discuss the difference between an assisted living facility and a nursing home.
4. What are your thoughts about the author's phone conversations with Mother.
5. The author thought Mother's center was a place that merely provided fun activities. What was it instead? What, if any, thoughts do you have about that?
6. Why do you think the center manager allowed Geneva to skip the center activities and talk with the author and Arica instead?
7. Mother never wanted more than two children. She ended up having ten and left them all. Do you think Mother would have still run away if she had only had the two children she desired? Why or why not? Discuss your response.
8. Mother told Arica how she felt when the author and her brothers first showed up to reunite with her. What are your thoughts about how Mother felt?
9. Discuss why you think mother changed her mind about going out to eat with the author?
10. Name three (3) ways the author showed "Acceptance."

Questions Teachers Can Ask

Critical Thinking / In-depth Comprehension / Writing Skills / Technology Skills

1. What is the main idea or learning experience of the book?
2. Write your thoughts or feelings about the story or your favorite character.
3. Summarize your favorite part of the book and tell why this was your favorite part.
4. Write about an experience in your personal life and tell how it is similar to this story.
5. Write a summary of the story, highlighting what you think the main issues are.
6. To whom would you recommend this book? Why?
7. How can the information in the story be useful in your life or future?
8. Research a famous or infamous person on the computer who has had a similar experience, and write a report about that person's life.