

Finding Mother Series

Book 3 - After the Reunion

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. Mother talked to the author and Jerome on the phone before they traveled to reunite with her. What reason(s) did she express for not accepting them as her children upon their arrival?
2. What did the author do to try to get Mother to accept them during the very first attempt?
3. What, if anything, could they have done differently to cause Mother to accept them during their first attempt? Discuss your response.
4. The author and her brothers felt rejected and discouraged after the first meeting, but they returned the next day to try again. If you were in their situation, would you have tried to reunite for a second time? Or would you have just gone back home? Discuss your response.
5. Name one or more things the author did to get Mother to finally receive them when they went back the second time.
6. During the second attempt to win over Mother, the author did not give up until Mother agreed to reunite with the brothers. What are your thoughts about this?
7. The author and her brothers offered their mother a “better life” with them in Kansas City. What was Mother’s response? What are your thoughts about Mother response?
8. Why do you think the author called this book a “Story of Tenacity?”

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 was abandoned by their mother, and write a report about that person’s life.
9. Research a famous or infamous person on the computer who suffered from a mental illness, and write a report about that person’s life.

