

Finding Mother Series

Book 1 - Finding Mother After Five Decades

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 some mental illness behaviors that Mother exhibited before she left her family.
2. Name some ways Father coped with Mother's mental illness. Discuss your response.
3. Growing up, the author felt like Father was the cause of Mother's mental illness becoming more intense. Discuss why you agree or disagree.
4. Do you think it is possible to "knock sense into" a mentally ill person? Why or Why not?
5. Do you think Mother's running away could have been prevented? If so, how? If not, why not?
6. The author specifically remembers being physically harmed by her mother, but still wanted to find her and take care of her. What are your thoughts about that?

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. Summarize your favorite part of the book and tell why this was your favorite part.
3. Write about an experience in your personal life and tell how it is similar to this story.
4. Write a summary of the story, highlighting what you think the main issues are.
5. To whom would you recommend this book? Why?
6. How can the information in the story be useful in your life or future?
7. Research a famous or infamous person on the computer who was abandoned by their mother, and write a report about that person's life.
8. Research a famous or infamous person on the computer who suffered from a mental illness, and write a report about that person's life.