



# Inspire Your Reader: Spark a Conversation!

**BRANCHES** books, which bridge the gap between leveled readers and early chapter books, now include thought-provoking questions at the end of each book! Subversively educational, these questions check for your reader's understanding alongside illustrations and favorite characters.

Included here are the questions that correspond to each of the **BRANCHES** books – use them to engage your child in a conversation about what they have read and to reinforce their critical thinking skills.

With these questions for each book, you can guide your young reader in:

- Identifying key ideas and details
- Understanding craft and structure
- Building foundational skills through phonics, word recognition, and fluency
- Acquiring new vocabulary

Happy reading with **BRANCHES**!

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# HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ?

## #1: Kiki: My Stylish Life



What **similarities** do the Lotus Lane Girls share? What **differences** make them individuals? For example, how is Kiki similar to Coco? How is Kiki different from Coco?



Why does Miss Melody say Kiki and Mika are on "the same creative page"? Reread Chapter 9 to find clues in the text and in the art.

How does Kiki react when Mika says that Kiki's kimono fashions might look better on Maxi than on Coco and Lulu? Do you think Kiki handled the situation well? Why or why not?



How is Kiki's diary **similar to** and **different from** other diary-like books you have read?

Write your own diary entries. Use **text** and **art** to include all the events that have happened in the past few days.



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## #2: Coco: My Delicious Life

What are some of Coco's favorite things?



Look at the picture on top of page 39. How do you think Coco feels? Why does she feel this way? Reread the text for clues.



How does the cupcake sale almost get ruined? How does it get fixed?



What is the **most interesting** fact Coco learns about Mika's family? What is the **most interesting** fact Mika learns about Coco's family?

Interview one of your friends just like the girls of the LLGC! Ask your friend questions about her family, and about her likes and dislikes. Then write a list of the interesting things you learn.





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## #3: Lulu: My Glamorous Life

Look at the lists on page 11. How are Penelope and Lulu similar?



Why doesn't Lulu like Katy Krupski?

How does Lulu's opinion of Mika change throughout the book? How does Mika's opinion of Katy change throughout the book?



Create your own charity! Give your charity a name. Write down who it will help, what the volunteers will do, and why it is important to you.



Do you think the Lotus Lane girls should invite Mika to join their club? Use examples from the book to make your argument.







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## #4: Mika: My New Life

Why doesn't Mika tell the LLGC about Katy's gossip column? Do you agree with her decision? Use examples from the book to support your answer.



How do Coco, Lulu, and Kiki react when they find out about Katy's gossip column?



Look at pages 36 and 48. Reread the sentences that contain *impossible* and *impolite*. What does the prefix *im-* mean? What do these two words mean?



Do you think Katy or Jada will become members of the LLGC? Why or why not?



Challenging words and their definitions are in clouds. Find a challenging word in the book that is not in a cloud. Look up the definition. Reread the sentence to make sure your definition makes sense. Write the word and its definition in a cloud!

