

Discussion Prompts

Dead Men Floating



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. Explain what you have learned about the power of large amounts of water.
2. Why were the people of Hardin so upset by the fact that corpses and skeletons were floating everywhere?
3. Why did the remains from more than 600 coffins pose such big problems?
4. What are antemortem profiles and how could these help identify bodies?
5. Why does the author compare the scene after the Missouri River flooded to a horror movie?
6. What is a theme that emerges from *Dead Men Floating*? Defend your response by citing text evidence that supports your thinking.