

*Discussion Prompts*

## Tickling a Trout



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. Why is this memoir called “Tickling a Trout”?
2. Why does the flash of a fish remind the author of his grandfather?
3. Why does the author value the way his grandparents raised him?
4. Why did the author feel insecure when he was in sixth grade?
5. Identify two of Grampa’s personality traits, and offer proof from the text.
6. Why does Joseph Bruchac show his family how he tickles a trout and then hold up the trout for all to see?
7. What can you infer about the personality of Joseph Bruchac?
8. What important life lessons do you learn from this memoir?