Literature Circle Questions

Use these questions and the activities that follow to get more out the experience of reading *The Sisters Grimm: The Unusual Suspects* (Book Two) by Michael Buckley.

1. What are some of the unusual foods Granny Relda serves at home?

2. The Queen of Crows speaks English and what other language?

3. List three of Puck’s pranks that make Sabrina angry.

4. Explain why Sabrina feels pity for Ms. Smirt in Mr. Sheepshank’s office.

5. Describe Mayor Charming’s limousine.

6. Why are Wendell’s feet covered in white chalk in class?

7. Both Principal Hamelin and his son Wendell share the ability to charm living creatures with music. Are they also similar with regard to whether Sabrina and Daphne believe they are good or evil? Explain your answer.

8. Give three examples of actions by Everafters that should convince Sabrina they are not all bad.

9. “Foreshadowing” is a storytelling clue that quietly hints at something that might happen later in a story. Re-read pages 58 to 62, where Sabrina is talking to Mr. Sheepshank. What does Mr. Sheepshank say that foreshadows his plans as revealed by the end of the book?

10. Do you think the girls will ever see Mr. Canis again? Explain your answer.

11. What is Mr. Canis’s struggle with himself? Compare his dilemma with Sabrina’s attitude toward the Everafters.

12. What do you think is the identity of the mysterious girl in the cloak at the end of the book? Explain your answer.

13. On page 178, Granny Relda tells Sabrina, “If you cannot learn to control your hatred, your hatred will control you.” What happens in the book to prove this statement correct?
14. Why do you think the Big Bad Wolf decides to attack Rumpelstiltskin instead of eating everyone in the room?

15. Is the magic barrier that surrounds Ferryport Landing fair? Why or why not?

Note: These literature circle questions are keyed to Bloom’s Taxonomy as follows: Knowledge: 1-3; Comprehension: 4-6; Application: 7-8; Analysis: 9-10; Synthesis: 11-12; Evaluation 13-15.

Activities

1. One of the books in Granny Relda’s library is called Magical Mutations of Insects, Reptiles, and Kitties. Make a list of five funny titles of your own—be imaginative!

2. Write a letter to Sabrina and tell her why you think she shouldn’t be so angry with the Everafters.

3. Puck’s bedroom is everything he could ever want. Write a short paragraph or draw a picture of your own perfect room.

Other Books by Michael Buckley

The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives (Book One)
The Sisters Grimm: The Problem Child (Book Three)