Literature Circle Questions

Use these questions, and the activities that follow, to gain more from the experience of reading *The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives* by Michael Buckley.

1. What difficulties do Sabrina and Daphne encounter in the foster homes in which they stay?

2. What are the rules of Granny Relda’s house?

3. What is the secret to unlocking the door to Granny Relda’s house?

4. Mr. Canis is Relda’s helper, driver, and assistant. But he is also something else. What is he? What are some of the clues to his secret identity?

5. Many of the citizens of Ferryport Landing have jobs that relate to their fairy-tale backgrounds. List some of them and explain the connection.

6. What are the bugs that attack Sabrina and Daphne in Granny Relda’s back yard? Why do they attack?

7. Are there any characters that you think would do a better job than Prince Charming as mayor of Ferryport Landing? Explain your answer.

8. If you lived in Ferryport Landing, would you rather be an Everafter or a human? Use examples from the book to relate the advantages and difficulties you would encounter.

9. Puck says he is a villain. Are his actions villainous? Give some examples and explain.

10. The girls often encounter resentment towards their family from the citizens of Ferryport Landing. Why is this?

11. Jack uses many words unfamiliar to the girls, such as “barmy,” “gob,” and “corking.” Explain what you think these words mean from the examples of how Jack uses them.

12. What is “The Scarlet Hand”? Do you think Sabrina and Daphne heard the last of them? Why or why not?

13. How does reading fairy-tales help the girls solve the case?

14. Decide whether Mayor Charming is a hero or a villain. Explain your answer.
15. Sabrina’s attitude towards Granny Relda changes over the course of the book. What does she think at the beginning? Why does this change by the end?

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. Reading fairy-tales helps Sabrina and Daphne in their crime solving. Make a list of how other kinds of books may help people with their lives.

2. Write a short paragraph about a character from your favorite fairy-tale or myth that suddenly finds him or her facing the modern world. Think about how your character would react to school, the lunchroom, gym class, or anything else that would be unfamiliar.

3. Draw a map of Ferryport Landing. Show where the characters live and work, and mark the locations of major events in the story, such as where the giant smashes the farmhouse, and where the girls first meet Puck.

Other Books by Michael Buckley

The Sisters Grimm: The Unusual Suspects (Book Two)
The Sisters Grimm: The Problem Child (Book Three)