

Online Book Club

The Mystery on the Bayou

Talk About It

1. If you could spend a week exploring New Orleans or a week exploring the bayou, which would you choose? Why?
2. If you could meet the famous pirate Jean Lafitte or General Andrew Jackson, which would you choose to meet? Why?
3. In the story, Roseline told the kids about a family legend of her great-great-grandfather's disappearance after wounding what was believed to be a rougarou. What do you think really happened to him?
4. Have you ever eaten a crawfish? Do you think you could throw live crawfish into boiling water to cook them? Why or why not? Which food described in the mystery would you most like to try?
5. Would you like to be a treasure hunter? If you found one of Jean Lafitte's buried treasure chests, what do you think would be inside?
6. Avery's little sister was afraid of alligators in the story. Are you afraid of alligators? Why or why not?
7. While in the New Orleans Airport, Evan brought some beignets to Avery to help her feel better. Why does a gift help you feel better when you are sad or upset?
8. If Avery had not visited her friend Roseline and helped solve the mystery, what do you think would have happened to Roseline and her family? Would they have left the bayou?
9. The ancestors of the Cajuns had to learn to speak English instead of French, but many still speak a form of French. What language did your ancestors speak? Can you speak that language or know any phrases in that language?
10. What was your favorite part of the mystery? Why?

