



The Last of the Mohicans



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What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. Alice tells Duncan, “I’ll have to be braver, like a true Munro, if we’re to run into Montcalm.” Do you think she actually gets braver as the story progresses? Do you consider yourself a brave person? What is the bravest thing you’ve ever done?

2. Why do Hawkeye and his friend agree to help Duncan and the girls reach the fort? What would you have done in their situation?

3. Hawkeye tells David that teaching singing is a strange job. Do you agree? What is the weirdest job you can think of? What do you want to be when you grow up?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

4. How does David make the girls feel better when they're hiding in the caves? What makes you feel better when you're scared or upset?

5. Magua explains to Cora that he wants revenge because General Munro embarrassed him. Do you think he is right to be angry? Has anyone ever embarrassed you in front of others? What did you do?

6. Superstition plays a very large role in the book. What kinds of spirits are mentioned in the story? Do you believe in ghosts?

7. How is the relationship Uncas has with Chingachgook different than Cora and Alice's relationship with their father? Which one is more like your relationship with your parents?

8. Why does General Munro agree to surrender? What would you have done in his place? Have you ever had to do what someone else wanted you to, even though you didn't agree with it?

9. Why does Hawkeye dress up as the bear? Were you surprised to find out it was him? Have you ever disguised yourself to trick someone?

10. Why does Magua tell Tamenund that Hawkeye has been hurting the Delaware people? Do his lies work? Have you ever lied to get your way? Did it work for you?