



Arlo Finch and the Valley of Fire

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Junior Tome It List Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions:

1. Have you ever moved to a new place and been the new kid in school? What are some challenges you faced during that time?
2. Did you ever join a club or a team and feel overwhelmed at all the things you had to learn or do?
3. Have you ever been separated from someone you love for a long time? (example: a loved one in the military) What did you do to stay connected to them?

Post-reading questions:

1. Do you think Arlo's mom remembered the Wonder of Pine Mountain before she decided to move her family there?
2. How do you think the residents of Pine Mountain learned how to harness the mystical powers of the Long Woods to do things such as thunderclaps and snaplights?
3. When was Arlo's first real interaction with the eldritch and the Long Woods?
4. What makes Arlo and Katie special?
5. What happened in the Valley of Fire?
6. *Spoiler alert* Why do you think someone from the other side of the Long Woods is after Arlo?

Post-reading Activities

1. Write a prologue to Arlo Finch and the Valley of Fire. Some ideas: write about Uncle Wade's days in the Rangers, write about Katie and Connor's time in the Long Woods with the eldritch, etc. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions.html and enter it into the Tome Fan Fiction competition.
2. Arlo Finch and the Valley of Fire could make a great movie. Make a book trailer for the book. A book trailer is similar to a movie trailer. Follow the guidelines and enter it into the Tome Book Trailer competition.

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