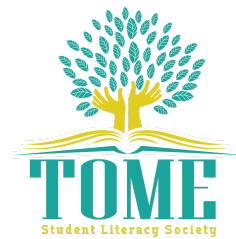


Defy the Night

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Tome Society It List Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions

1. This book has a dual perspective. What other books have you read with a dual perspective? How does that impact the story?
2. Tessa's father was an apothecary: research apothecaries and uses of herbs and other natural ingredients in treating disease.
3. What qualities make a good leader?

Post-reading questions

1. Did you like how this book ended? Were you surprised by it? If you could change the ending of this book, how would you change it and why?
2. Examine the themes of love, loyalty, and sacrifice. How do these themes intertwine with the characters' journeys?
3. Corrick gave Tessa the opportunity to escape. Should she have left? What would you have done? She makes several decisions to stand with Corrick and Harristan throughout the novel. Why? Were you surprised by some of her decisions?
4. Is Harristan a good king? Why or why not? Does he have any of the qualities you identified as being a good leader?
5. Discuss Corrick's decision to become Weston Lark. Why did he take on that identity? Was it a justifiable reason? Were you surprised when it was revealed?
6. Corrick is both Weston Lark and the King's Justice. Discuss how serving both of these roles impacts him as Corrick. Is he more one than the other?
7. King Harristan "Every smuggler has a story to justify their actions." Is theft ever ok? What does or does not justify stealing?
8. Analyze the role of the rebels in the story. Are they effective in their resistance?
9. Who were your favorite and least favorite characters? Why?

Post-reading activities

1. Create a social media graphic showcasing read-alikes for Defy the Night. Ask your adviser how to submit your creation in the fall Tome Book Award Like-Try-Why Social Media Graphic competition.
2. Create an infographic about using herbs and other natural ingredients in treating illness. Ask your adviser how to submit your creation in the fall Tome Tome Infographic competition.
3. Write a chapter from the perspective of a character other than Corrick or Tessa.

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