



League of Liars

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Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions

1. What do you know about court proceedings? Have you watched any crime or court dramas on television before? What terminology have you picked up that pertain to the law and may show up throughout the novel?
2. What do you know about the justice system in real life? How do you think it might differ in a fictional world where magic or supernatural elements exist?
3. Flip to the back of the book and read the author's bio. Did you know she was previously an animator for film and television? How do you think her previous experiences may be used in her novel?

Post-reading questions

1. What do you think it would be like to live in a place with no shadows? How would your daily life differ with no darkness or shadows?
2. Why do you think Cayder thrived in Vardean Reform? Do you think he was an exception to most juveniles who would have spent time there?
3. What happened to the Broduck family after the death of Cayder's mother? How did each of the siblings try to honor their mother's memory? How does each sibling's view of edem change after this tragedy?
4. In the novel, the author uses many interesting words and legal terminology. Find the following words in the novel and read them in the context of the story and make a guess at what you think they mean. Then, using a dictionary, define the word. Were you close? Persnickety (pg. 22), palatial (pg. 29), recidivism (pg. 37), brase (pg. 45), pompous (pg. 148), mistrial (pg. 255), contempt of court (pg. 235), badgering the witness (pg. 210), and disbarred (255).
5. Compare and contrast Jey and Cayder's relationships with their fathers after the death of their mothers.
6. In what ways do the characters' quests for justice sometimes blur the line between right and wrong? How does this tension affect their decisions?
7. Discuss the relationship between the Regency and the Royals. Do they work in harmony with each other or do they fight over power?
8. ****Spoiler**** Were you shocked to learn the truth about the night Dr. Bueter was killed? Did the author give away any of the plot twists prior to their revelation? If so, what foreshadowing did you use to make your prediction?

Post-reading activities

1. League of Liars ends on quite the cliffhanger and the sequel Shadows of Truth is out now! What do you think awaits the group inside the veil? Where do you think the story will take us next? Write a prologue for the sequel featuring what the group sees upon entering the veil. If you'd like, ask your advisor to submit your completed project to the Tome Fan Fiction competition!
2. What did you enjoy most about this book, and what aspects, if any, did you find lacking? Create a social media graphic recommending this book to your fellow readers using a Like-Try-Why format. Ask your advisor to submit your completed project to the Tome Like-Try-Why competition.
3. Choose a character from the book and award them a yearbook superlative, be sure to justify your reasoning. Check out our new superlative competition on our website and ask your advisor to submit your completed projection to this year's competition!

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