



Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs

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Pre-reading questions

1. Based on the subtitle of the book, “The Sword of the Monarchs,” make some predictions about what will happen in the book.
2. With your teacher’s help, do some research on the significance of monarch butterflies in Mexican and Hispanic mythology. What did you find? How do you think this will factor into the story?
3. This book is an adventure story set in a mythical world. Do you like reading this type of book? Why or why not?

Post-reading questions

1. At the beginning of the book, Solimar is not quite satisfied with her princess life. How do you think you would feel if you were in her shoes?
2. Solimar and her grandmother have an argument about what a proper princess should look like and how one should act. Do you think one of them was right? If so, why or why not?
3. How do you think you would react if you got the power of the monarchs like Solimar does? What do you think you would do with that power?
4. Solimar’s brother, Prince Campeon, does not want to be the next king. Why do you think that is? Do you think he made the right choice to try and run away from his responsibilities?
5. Which character was your favorite? Why did you like them the most?
6. Solimar’s story is full of adventure. Did you see her make any choices throughout the story that you did not think were the best? What would you have done differently?
7. After reading, what do you think “The Sword of the Monarchs” means? How did you see the monarchs incorporated throughout the book?

Post-reading activities

1. Do some research on monarch butterflies. You can also include their role in mythology in Mexican culture and other cultures. Compile your findings into an infographic or other type of presentation to share with your group.
2. Choose a scene or character from the book and create a piece of fan art. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions and enter your final project into the Fan Art competition.
3. Create a promotional book flyer for Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs. Follow the guidelines and enter your final project in the Promo Flyer competition.

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