

Book Club Discussion Guide for

Full Cicada Moon

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1. What do you think Mimi expected of her new life? How were her expectations met and not met during the course of this story?
2. Compare Mimi's move to one you have made. How was Mimi's experience the same and different from yours?
3. What were your first impressions of Mama, Papa, Timothy, Stacey, and Mr. Dell? How did your impressions change over the course of the story?
4. Which character did you most identify with?
5. If you were living in 1969, how has your life and the world around you changed since then? What do you consider to be the most significant changes, good and bad?
6. If you were not living in 1969, what changes have you observed since you were young? What do you consider to be the most significant changes, good and bad?
7. Mimi was a girl of mixed race living in a small town in 1969. Why do you think the story was set there and then?
8. If the story took place today, would her experience be different or the same? Why?
9. What universal issues and themes are presented in this story?
10. Talk about a time when you felt left out, different, or not acknowledged or understood. What were the circumstances? How did you feel? What was the outcome?
11. How have the roles of women changed since you were young? Of men? What are the pros and cons of each?
12. Do you think Mimi and her friends did the right thing when they protested at school? Why or why not? What do you think happened after that?
13. Talk about a time when you stood up for something you firmly believed in. What incited you to speak up or take action? What was the outcome?
14. Talk about a time when you faced something that scared you, the obstacles in your way, and the outcome.
15. Considering the historical events and social changes that occurred during that time, what do you think happened to Mimi after the story ended? To the rest of the characters?