

Online Book Club

The Mystery in the Smoky Mountains

Talk About It!

1. How do the Smoky Mountains look different in the autumn than they do in the summer? Winter? Spring?
2. Discuss the definition of a legend. Do you know any legends? Share some with your book club or class.
3. Why do you think there is a statue of Sequoyah in the town of Cherokee? Why was he so important to the Cherokee people?
4. When talking about games children play in the mountains, Mimi says that mountain life is different from city life. In what ways are those lifestyles different?
5. Grant and Christina have a huge dinner at the Walker's house. Which parts of the dinner are traditional to the Smoky Mountain region? Have you ever had any traditional mountain food? Did you like it? Why or why not?
6. What part of a trip through Cade's Cove would you like more: visiting the old houses and barns or watching the wildlife? Explain your answer.
7. What do you think a Smoky Mountain park ranger does on the job?
8. Do you think Grant and Christina were scared of the bees in the apiarist's hives? Have you ever faced something that frightened you, and conquered your fear?
9. Why was it so scary for Christina to go on the night hike with Wilbur and the others?
10. Do you think Christina, Grant, and Elizabeth were disappointed not to find the enchanted lake at Clingman's Dome? Who do you think left the clues for them to find?

