

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

The Refugees: Family Threads Book 1

1. Were you knowledgeable about the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony before reading this book? If so, did you learn something you were unaware of? What surprised you the most?
2. Identify the main themes and the author's message. Did the novel reinforce or change your views on any topics?
3. Separation of church and state is a tenet of the Bill of Rights. Has your opinion on this assertion changed since reading the novel? Explain why or why not?
4. According to Professor Thomas Slaughter, author of the 2014 book *Independence: The Tangled Roots of the American Revolution*, at no time did more than forty-five percent of the Colonists support the war, and at least a third fought for the British. Furthermore, many changed sides depending on who was winning. Does this surprise you? If so, why?
5. Many of the characters in this novel yearned for freedom from political, religious, social, or economic oppression. How does that relate to America in today's world?
6. How does the book challenge or confirm common stereotypes about Indigenous peoples?
7. Did this book cause you to change or alter your perspective on any historical events or figures? If so, how?
8. It is said that history repeats itself. What themes did you find in this novel that you feel Americans grapple with today?
9. Who was your favorite character and why?
10. If you could travel back to any period of time covered by this book, what would it be, and why?

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