

The Gates of AURONA

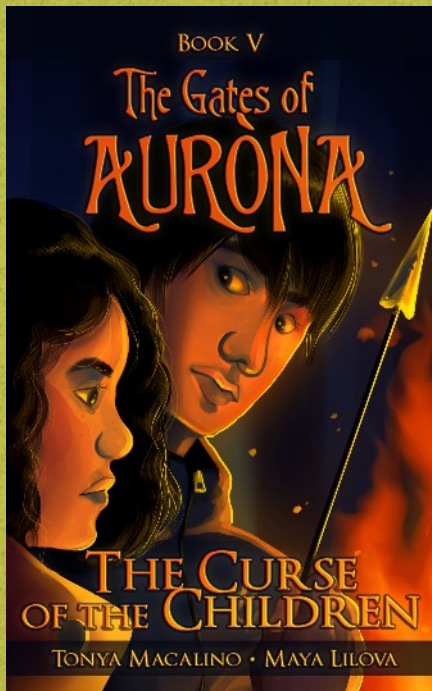
READER GUIDE:
THE CURSE
OF THE CHILDREN

Discussion Questions

The Curse of the Children

Book Five of The Gates of Auróna Series

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STORIES ANCIENT, STORIES NEW, WHAT SECRETS WILL THEY REVEAL?

Hannah and Cameron are leaving town. Mom and Dad have decided to steal the family away to a cabin in Champoeg State Park where they can wrap their heads around everything that's happened to them.

But have they just walked into Spina de Mùl's clutches and an ancient family curse?

*"CLANG, CLANG, CLANG:
THE SWORD AGAINST THE GOLDEN GATE.
THE TREASURE WAITS WITHIN."*

The following pages are for you, dear reader.

Each of us connects to the world in our own unique way.

Some of us gather to chat over tea or on a walk. Some of us sit in our hidden bowers and write or draw out what is in our minds. Others of us create with Legos™ or clay or Minecraft™ or digital paint or video or camera.

The discussion questions on the following pages can be used for book clubs; amongst friends, family, and classmates; or all by yourself.

Fill these pages with the wild, wild, imaginings of your own creative brain. Maya and I are so excited to see what you discover!



Question One:


DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE ANY LEGENDS, BIG STORIES THAT THEY TELL OVER AND OVER ABOUT THE DAYS THAT CAME BEFORE THIS? NOW IS YOUR TURN TO BE THE STORYKEEPER!





Question Two:

WHEN HANNAH AND HER FAMILY VISIT THE “DAYS OF COPPER AND STONE” THEIR CLOTHES CHANGE. WHAT CAN YOU TELL ABOUT THE LIVES OF THE FANES BY THEIR CLOTHES? WHAT WAS AVAILABLE TO MAKE CLOTHES? HOW DID YOU SHOW YOUR STATUS? WHAT WOULD YOUR COPPER AGE OUTFIT LOOK LIKE?



Question Three:

THE TROYERS RUN AWAY TO CABIN C3, THE CHAMPOEG HIDEAWAY FOR FAIRY TALE FUGITIVES. HAS YOUR FAMILY EVER TAKEN A VACATION OR OTHER KIND OF BREAK TO REGROUP? WHERE DID YOU GO? WHAT DID YOU DO TO RECONNECT? DO YOU FEEL THAT IT WORKED?





Question Four:

HANNAH CAN TELL THE SPLURGE OF THE CAMPING TRIP IS REALLY MAKING HER MOM NERVOUS. IF YOUR FAMILY CAME TO A TIME WHEN MONEY WAS TIGHT, WHAT RULES WOULD YOU MAKE TO SAVE MONEY?





Question Five:

YOU ARE SETTING UP A FILO FOR YOUR FAMILY! WHAT WOULD YOU USE FOR THE FIRE? WHAT FOOD WOULD YOU HAVE? WHO WOULD BE YOUR STORYTELLER? WHAT STORIES WOULD YOU TELL THAT WOULD HAVE MEANING FOR YOUR FAMILY?





Question Six:

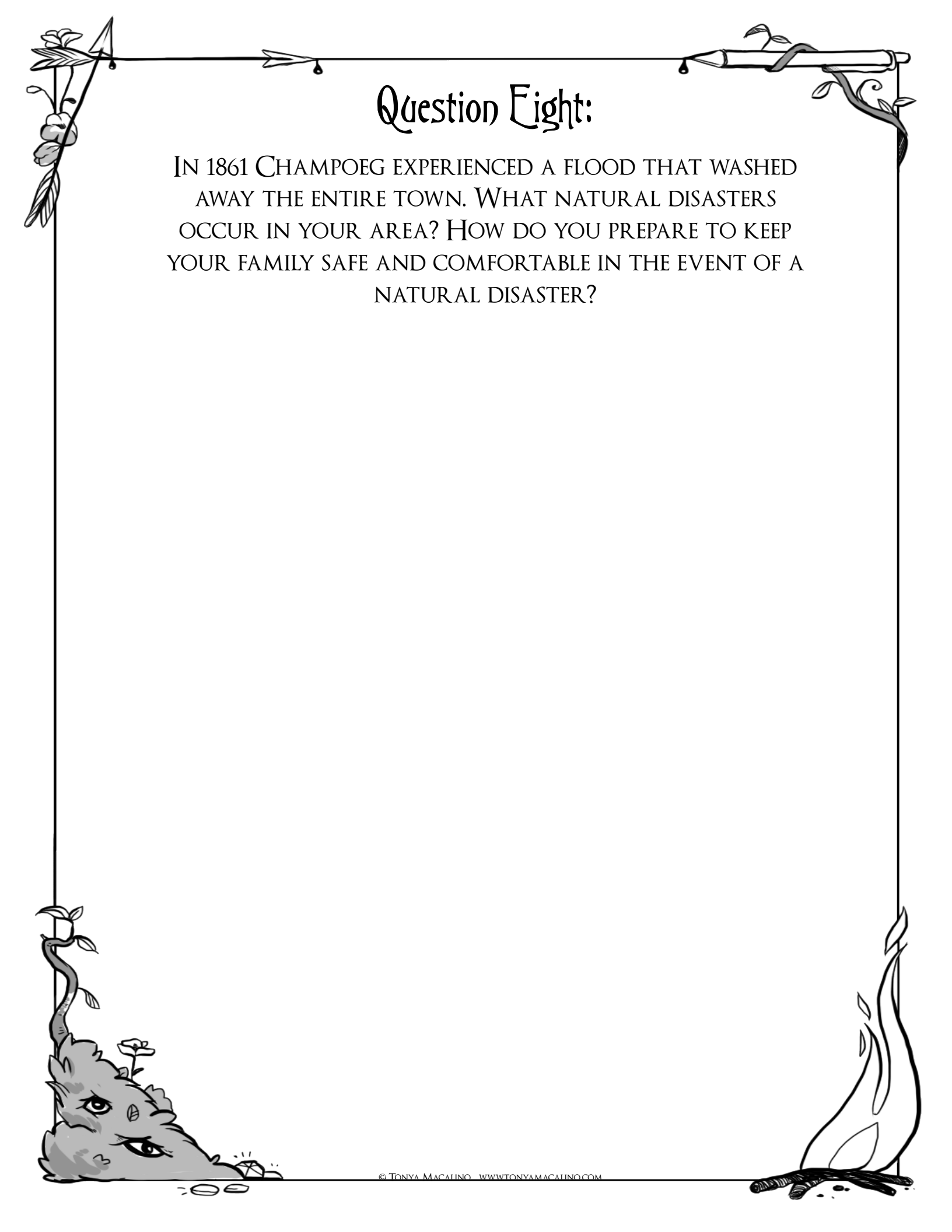
HANNAH AND CAMERON ARE COMPLETELY SWEEPED UP IN THEIR FATHER'S RETELLING OF THE LEGEND OF THE FANES. IS THERE A STORY THAT HAS COMPLETELY CAPTURED YOUR IMAGINATION? WHICH ONE AND WHY?



Question Seven:

IF YOU WERE TO PLAT A TOWN LIKE ROBERT NEWELL
PLATTED CHAMPOEG, WHAT WOULD YOU PUT IN IT? WHAT
BUSINESSES WOULD YOU RECRUIT TO MAKE YOUR TOWN A
WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE? WHAT WOULD YOU TELL
SETTLERS TO MAKE THEM WANT TO LIVE THERE?





Question Eight:

IN 1861 CHAMPOEG EXPERIENCED A FLOOD THAT WASHED AWAY THE ENTIRE TOWN. WHAT NATURAL DISASTERS OCCUR IN YOUR AREA? HOW DO YOU PREPARE TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE AND COMFORTABLE IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER?



Question Nine:

THE TROYERS DECIDE THAT EVEN THOUGH THE STORIES OF THE FANES AND THE PIONEERS MIGHT NOT BE EXACTLY TRUE IN THEIR EVENTS, THEY STILL CONTAIN TRUTHS WE CAN LEARN FROM. DO YOU AGREE? IS THERE STORY THAT YOU'VE LEARNED FROM EVEN THOUGH IT IS FICTION?

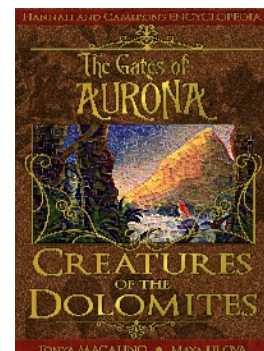
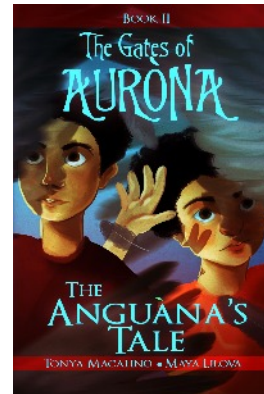




Question Ten:

AS COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS LIKE BRIDGET'S ARGUS FADE, MANY IMPORTANT STORIES ABOUT OUR HOMETOWNS ARE BEING LOST. WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK LOSING STORYKEEPERS LIKE BRIDGET WILL HAVE ON COMMUNITIES? WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE THESE STORIES?

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