

The Secrets of the Pond

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Discussion questions

- 1) Cora was usually a happy girl who enjoyed going to school. Why do you think that changed?
- 2) What is the difference between teasing someone and being rude to someone?
- 3) How do you think Cora felt when she was being teased?
- 4) When Cora was at the doctor's office, she did not want to talk about what was happening at school. Why do you think she felt that way?
- 5) What were some of the signs that Cora was experiencing bullying at school?
- 6) What did Cora's friends do that was kind and helpful?
- 7) Do you think Haley knew she was bullying Cora and her friends?
- 8) Was it helpful that the teachers and school counselor were watching to see if the students were safe?
- 9) How do you think it felt when Mr. Cage, the school counselor, spoke to Haley in a kind and caring way?
- 10) Do you think it would have been helpful for Mr. Cage to talk with Cora as well, and let her know she did not deserve to be bullied?
- 11) What did Haley learn about herself from the experience?
- 12) What can we all do to stop bullying?