

Honeybees and Frenemies

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MATERIALS & RESOURCES:

- [Copies of title](#) for the students in the group
- **Honeybees and Frenemies: Student Guide** printable
- Students will need to access the internet for web articles and video links

SUMMARY AND DETAILS

Flor has been looking forward to summer with her best friend since last summer! But an unexpected twist of fate lands her working in her family's mattress store and her best friend at band camp. Her life gets even worse when she has to compete in the local honey pageant (again) and volunteer to help a recluse beekeeper with her worst frenemy. With her parents fighting and the possibility of moving to New Jersey on the horizon, this summer cannot get any worse.

Grade Level: 3rd-7th

Lexile Level: 870L

Guided Reading Level: S

Genre: fiction, chapter book

HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE HIGH FLIERS BOOK CLUB

- Determine if this book is the correct reading level for the students by Guided Reading Level or Lexile Level.
- Create a schedule with the students for assignments, including how many chapters need to be completed along with the Student Guide at each book club meeting.
- The recommendation is to meet weekly to discuss the chapters and questions.
- Make a plan of how students will make up the work if they miss an assignment.
- All content can be assigned digitally through LMS.
- The Student Guide has the possibility of four parts for each chapter; **Random Bee Facts**, **Word Detective**, **Discussion Questions**, and **What's The Buzz**

- **Random Bee Facts** -- each chapter of the book begins with a Random Bee Fact. The student guide will provide a combination of non-fiction web articles and video links for the students to use to answer a question.
- **Word Detective** -- students will use dictionary skills to find the definition. This component is to help the students to develop stronger vocabulary skills and does not need to be addressed at the book club meetings. Dictionary.com has been added as a resource for some of the words as an alternative to a classroom dictionary.
- **Discussion Questions** -- this section will address the plot, characters, figurative language, story arc, predictions, and other literature standards for Common Core.
- **What's the Buzz** -- this component should start the discussion for the next meeting. These open-ended questions are to engage the students to make a personal connection with the story. Sharing their own experiences and opinions will help drive the discussion.

Special Note to the Educator: This book addresses race and discrimination in an age-appropriate way. The main character, Flor, is from a bi-racial family. When Flor wins the local honey pageant, Candice responds by telling her that the judges had to pick someone of color. The author addresses this as racial discrimination. This can be a difficult subject to discuss with students but it is certainly a worthwhile discussion. Please consider this weblink from PBS Kids [Talking to Young Children about Race and Racism](#). There are several articles and a video to help the educator be prepared for the discussion and questions that the students may have.

The High Fliers Book Club - Honeybees and Frenemies

ELA COMMON CORE

WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERATURE

3rd Grade: [RL.3.1](#), [RL.3.2](#), [RL.3.3](#), [RL.3.4](#), [RL.3.5](#), [RL.3.6](#)

4th Grade: [RL.4.1](#), [RL.4.2](#), [RL.4.3](#), [RL.4.4](#), [RL.4.9](#)

5th Grade: [RL.5.1](#), [RL.5.2](#), [RL.5.3](#), [RL.5.4](#), [RL.5.6](#), [RI.5.7](#)



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High Fliers Book Club Student Guide

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Chapter 1

Random Bee Fact #37: Research Honey -- Food of the Gods at this website [Forest and Lakes Monthly](#). Record at least two facts about honey to report back to the group.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

crochet _____

sauerkraut _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. How would you describe Flor?

2. Flor says, "if he was really all that smart he would have been able to figure out how to keep things up and not let them come crashing down on his head." She is using a type of figurative language called an **idiom**, which means the words have a meaning that is different from the literal meaning. An example is *raining cats and dogs*, which means it was raining very hard. What does Flor mean when she says *crashing down on his head*?

3. How does Flor feel about the all-star year of the Honey Festival pageant? Cite your evidence from the book.

4. Why do you think that the author chose to have Candice Holloway deliver the news about the all-star Honey Festival pageant to Flor?

What's the Buzz: write your own question to ask the group at the next meeting. It could be something you wonder about the characters or about the plot, or a question to the author.

Chapter 2

Random Bee Fact #82: Research Guard Bees and their job of protecting the hive at this website [The Peace Bee Farmer](#). Write at least two interesting facts to share.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

perils _____

flutist _____

nostalgia _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What does the blue sky mean to Flor?

2. On page 13, Flor describes the “so-called” museum in her town of Honeydale. Thinking about her description of Aunt Bee’s Cafe on page 2 and the museum, how does Flor feel about the town that she lives in?

3. Writers often say, "it's not a story until something goes wrong." This means that without some kind of conflict the story is boring and the characters have no goals. What are the things that are going wrong for Flor?

What's the Buzz: write your own question to ask the group at the next meeting. It could be something you wonder about the characters or about the plot, or a question to the author.

Chapter 3

Random Bee Fact #16: Research Worker Bees at this website: [Canada Agriculture and Food Museum -- Life in the Hive](#). Write at least two interesting facts to share.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

underestimate _____

gangly _____

discrimination _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What are three words that you could use to describe Mrs. Thornton?

2. On page 19, Flor says that she feels like she is playing the part of the innocent baby in Rumpelstiltskin. Read this version of the story -- [Short Kid Stories Rumpelstiltskin](#). Tell what Flor has in common with the baby in the story.

3. Why does Flor think that she won the pageant when she was in 3rd grade? How did that affect her friendship with Candice?

4. What's the Buzz: Have you ever been in a situation like Flor where you make a mistake and then make the whole situation worse? Write a few sentences to discuss at the next meeting.

Chapter 4

Random Bee Fact #25: Watch this YouTube video and be prepared to discuss what is happening.
[Bumblebees Learn to Roll Balls for Reward](#)

Word Detective: record the definition of these words (dictionary.com)

Bollywood _____

simultaneously _____

interrogation _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. On page 30, mom tells Flor, “I think it’ll be good if you spend the summer *building bridges* instead of sulking.” What does mom mean? What kind of figurative language is this an example of?

2. Why do you think that the author used the word *frenemies* to describe Flor and Candice? What does the word imply?

3. On page 3, the author says that Mr. Henry, “hopped and all of the bees fell from his body in a **thick, fuzzy blanket** that kept a hint of his body’s shape.” This is a type of figurative language called a

metaphor, where a word or phrase is used to describe something that is not literal. What does the author want you to imagine when she uses this metaphor to describe the bees?

What's the Buzz: Make a prediction about what you think might happen next in the story. Write a few sentences to discuss at the next meeting.

Chapter 5

Random Bee Fact #78: Read this article from The Planet Bee Foundation called WE NEED BEES. Write at least two facts that you want to share with the group.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

impressive_____

behalf_____

makeshift_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. On page 39, Flor says, "I swear the air itself hummed and spread through my body *like* a rumble of thunder, first in my chest, then all the way down to my feet and the tips of my fingers." This is

another type of figurative language called a **simile**, where two things are compared using the words *like* or *as*. What two things is the author comparing?

2. On page 42, the author uses another **simile**, can you find it and explain what two things are being compared and why?

3. How would you feel if you had to volunteer at Mr. Henry's house? Give reasons for your opinion.

What's the Buzz: Would you have followed Mr. Henry behind the barn? Why or why not? We will begin the next meeting with what you would have done in Flor's position.

Chapter 6

Random Bee Fact #11: Watch this YouTube video about bee’s brains and be ready to discuss the number zero and what it means to the bees. [Bee’s Tiny Brains Could Change How We Engineer Computers](#)

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

inquiries _____

skein_____

repetition_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. There are six common themes in literature. *Good vs. evil, love, redemption, courage/perseverance, coming of age, and revenge.* What do you think the theme of this book might be? What is the evidence from the book that would prove that?

2. What is Flor’s point of view about the pageant, working with Candice, coming up with a talent, and Mr. Henry? How do you think her point of view makes the reader feel about the story?

3. On page 51, Flor says that she could “kind of fuzz over her thoughts.” And on page 52, she says that “mom’s voice wasn’t a yell, but it fizzed as if the words wanted to overflow loud and fast like a blender without a lid.” Why do you think she uses words like fuzz and fizz to describe these actions?

What’s the Buzz: What would your talent be for a contest like the pageant? Would you perform it in front of people if you could win \$2,000? We will talk about our talents at the start of the next meeting!

Chapter 7

Random Bee Fact #103: Read this article from Thought Co about how bees swarm as part of moving their hive. [Why Do Bees Swarm?](#) Write a few things that are interesting to you.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

smirk_____

duet_____

amateurs_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What is Flor’s idea for their talent? How does Candice feel about this idea? What evidence proves that?

2. How does Flor feel about parents fighting in this chapter?

3. Flor’s dad seems to be avoiding the discussion of moving to New Jersey. Why do you think that is? What is your evidence?

What’s the Buzz: Go back and read the Random Bee Fact #103. Why do you think the author included the part about the bees head-butting each other to force them to agree for this particular chapter? We will start the next meeting with your thoughts.

Chapter 8

Random Bee Fact #46: Why do you think that the author added the Random Bee Facts at the beginning of each chapter? Do they add information to the story? Have you read another book that has something similar before each chapter?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

excessive _____

sauna _____

trolley _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. If you were going to try to invent a new slogan to sell mattresses, what would it be?

2. Why are the words on page 67 in italics? Why did the author choose to do that?

3. Flor finds her dad smoking, which he hasn't done in years she says. Why do you think that her dad has started smoking again? What are the events that might have led up to this?

What's the Buzz: The chapter ends with mom and dad arguing again. What do you predict will happen in the next chapter? We will start the next meeting with your thoughts.

Chapter 9

Random Bee Fact #10: Read this article from the website School of Bees called [Can Bees Carry Things?](#) Using a graduated cylinder from your kitchen, classroom or from the science lab, measure out 20mg of water. Compare this amount with the size of a honey bee, which is about the size of a soybean.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

foulbrood _____

accordion _____

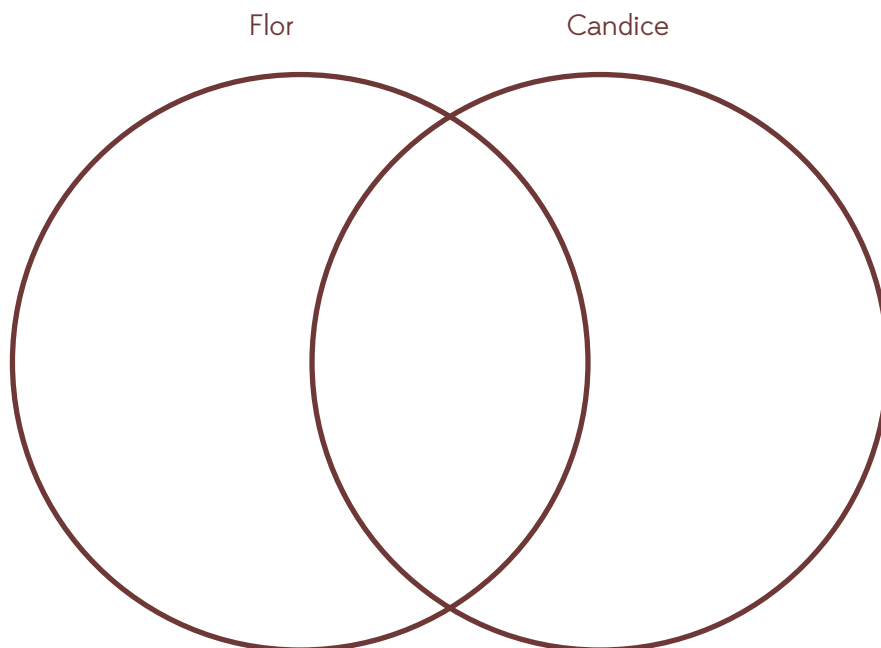
clamber _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Flor cannot imagine why her mother is so nice to Mr. Henry but “couldn’t even spare a crumb of niceness” for her own husband. Why do you think mom is behaving that way?

2. On page 77, when they take the top off of the hive, Flor looks inside to see “ten wooden slats were lined up like slices of bread.” What kind of figurative language is this? How does this language help the reader understand what is happening in the story?

Use this Venn Diagram to compare and contrast Flor and Candice’s character traits. Anything that they have in common should be written in the section where the circles overlap.



What's the Buzz: Mr. Henry and the girls are doing a hive inspection to see if the hive is healthy. Watch this [Bee Hive Frame Inspection](#) on YouTube and see if you can find some of the same things that the girls saw. Write any notes you want to share at the beginning of our next meeting.

Chapter 10

Random Bee Fact #27: Watch this National Geographic video called [How Honey Bees Get Their Job](#). How could your class or family be more productive if it were more like a bee hive?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

indented _____

overexaggerated _____

ebony _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Why is Fran making breakfast for Flor?

2. What is the purpose of a food pantry like the one that Flor and Candice are volunteering in? Do you have one in your town that offers the same to the community?

3. On page 90, there is another **simile**. Can you find it and explain what two things are being compared?

What's the Buzz: Think back to what writers say, "it's not a story until something goes wrong." What do you predict will go wrong for Flor next?

Chapter 11

Random Bee Fact #32: Read the **How to Avoid Getting Stung** portion of this article from [Kids Health](#). Be prepared to discuss the suggestions, feel free to write some notes to help you remember.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

Diwali _____

chauvinistic _____

metabolism _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Flor's mom is making aloo parathas when the girls come home from school. Aloo parathas is a bread dish stuffed with spicy mashed potatoes that comes from the continent of India. Why do you think that Flor's mom is making this traditional Indian food?

2. On page 93, Flor says, “was he really so oblivious that mom was buttering us up more than I’d buttered up my paratha?” This is one of the types of figurative language that we’ve practiced finding. What type is it? What does Flor mean?

3. Mom finally explains why she wants to move the family to New Jersey. What are her reasons?

What’s the Buzz: Did you make the connection that Flor’s mom’s family was from India? Do you remember some of the clues that the author gave us?

Chapter 12

Random Bee Fact #31: Prepare yourself! This is wild! Watch this YouTube clip called [Hornet Cooked by Bees](#). Write your thoughts on this phenomenon.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

crescendo_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. On page 97, Flor says her mom’s words “squeezed out like others were fighting to come out faster and louder.” What do you think mom wants to say that she is not saying?

2. How would you describe the mood of the story at this point? What are your reasons for that description?

3. Flor compares her relationship with Candice to the slimy salad she found in the fridge behind the Sprite. Why is this a good comparison?

What’s the Buzz: Do you think that her family is really going to move to New Jersey? Why or why not?

Chapter 13

Random Bee Fact #72: Read what is happening during the summer months in the hive at the Bee Cause Project website. [The Monthly Buzz Classroom Bee Calendar](#) will give you more info about the worker bees. Write a few things that surprised you about the bees.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

Interfere _____

hairnet _____

trolley _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What are three words that you could use to describe Candice?

2. On page 109, Mrs. Thornton tells the girls, “this luncheon is a chance for you queen bees to exercise your worker-bee wings.” Go back to the Random Bee Fact #72 and reread. Why do you think the author put this specific bee fact with this chapter?

3. Flor remembers from when the girls were in 3rd grade and Candice told her that, “they had to choose you because they are forced to choose someone of color nowadays.” Why do you think that is an unfair and unkind statement?

What’s the Buzz: Have you ever confronted someone who hurt your feelings like Candice hurt Flor’s? If you feel uncomfortable, you do not have to share.

Chapter 14

Random Bee Fact #21: Read this article called Why Do Bees Buzz from Scientific American. Write any facts that you want to share.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

pollinating _____

ambassador _____

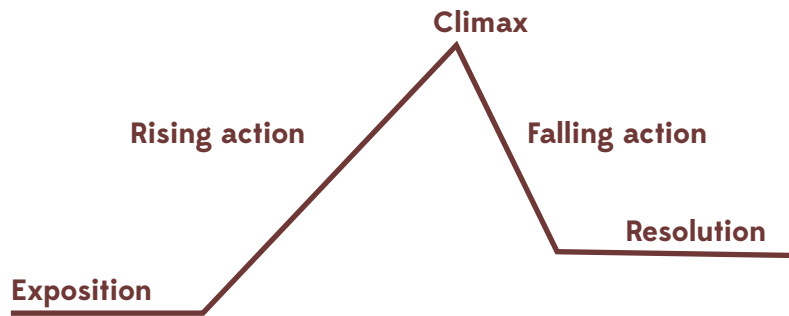
Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What do Flor and Candice find out that they have in common?

2. Why can't Flor enjoy the gift of the phone that her mom gave to her?

3. What is your prediction about the next step in Flor and Candice's plan? Do you think it will work? Why or why not?

What's the Buzz: Every good story follows a Story Arc starting with Exposition or the background information about the character, setting, historical events. The Resolution is where the conflict gets solved for the characters. Where do you think we are on the arc at this part of the book? What is your reasoning?



Chapter 15

Random Bee Fact #23: Watch this YouTube video [How Do Bees Sting](#) with Maddie Moate. How do you feel about bees? After watching the video, do you have a better understanding of why a bee doesn't want to sting you?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

compile _____

thrumming _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Find the **similes** on pages 124 and 125. Remember to explain what two things are being compared in each statement.

2. Watch this [Bee Bearding Video](#) on YouTube. Why do you think that they tie the queen bee around the person's neck for the bees to make a bee beard?

3. Do you think that Mr. Henry was able to successfully bee beard the first time that he tried it? Why or why not?

What's the Buzz: Write a question that you would like to ask the author to share at the next meeting.

Chapter 16

Random Bee Fact #56: Watch this video on YouTube called Top 10 Flowers Attract the Bees. What do many of the flowers have in common? Think about size, shape, and color.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

straightforward_____

confidence_____

microplane_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Dad tells Flor, “hard sells need a hard push.” How does this apply to what Flor is about to ask Mr. Henry?

2. In chapter 6, you picked a theme for this story. *Good vs. evil, love, redemption, courage/perseverance, coming of age, and revenge.* Do you still agree with your original choice? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. Mr. Henry uses the phrase “put your money where your mouth is.” What type of figurative language is this and what does it mean?

What’s the Buzz: Both girls are stuck in a dilemma, a situation where one must make a choice between two outcomes. Describe their dilemma.

Chapter 17

Random Bee Fact #71: Check out this link to [Guinness World Records](#) for Ruan Liangming.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

instinct_____

gestured_____

apitherapy_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Why do you think that Mr. Henry was surprised that Flor was going to do the bee beard and not Candice?

2. What are some of the ways that Flor describes the bees when they are on her arm? Give lots of details from the text.

3. How would this new talent put the girls in the lead at the pageant?

What's the Buzz: Write a few lines that you might write to a friend who is at camp. What would you tell that friend about what is going on in your life?

Chapter 18

Random Bee Fact #13: Read these Fun Facts from the American Bee Journal. Share one that you thought was interesting.

Word Detective: record the definition of these words (dictionary.com)

doohickey_____

chummy_____

teeter_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What do you think of the new friendship that seems to be blossoming between Flor and Candice? Did you predict that they would become friends or not?

2. What do the girls find out that their parents have in common? Do your parents have similar qualities?

3. Do you think that Brooke will be jealous of the friendship between Flor and Candice? Why or why not?

What's the Buzz: This book has many different settings for the action around the town of Honeydale. Which setting do you enjoy reading about and why?

Chapter 19

Random Bee Fact: Watch this YouTube video called [Do Bees Sleep?](#) Can you spot a sleeping bee? What did you notice in the hive?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

compromise _____

sunstroke _____

culinary _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Why does Flor think she must be dreaming when she smells fried chicken?

2. What does Flor mean when she says that she imagined that everything that happened to Fran was movie-perfect?

3. Why is Fran so upset?

What's the Buzz: Flor seems to think that she and Candice can seriously win the pageant. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Chapter 20

Random Bee Fact # 95: Read this article called World's Oldest Honey from Save the Bees. What was the most interesting part in your opinion?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

plywood _____

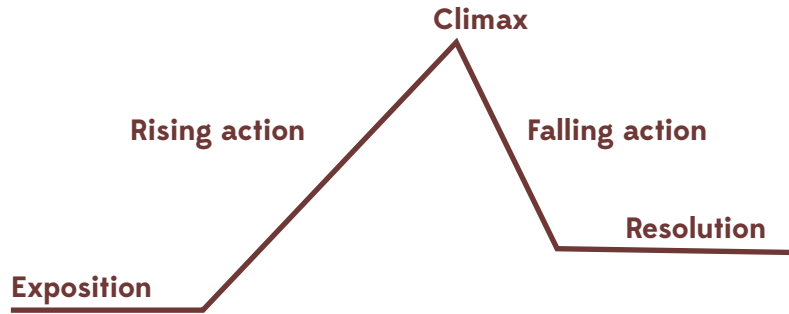
Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What are three things that Flor and Fran have in common? What are three things that make them different?

2. How does Candice react to Flor's news that she might be moving?

3. How do you think that Mr. Henry feels about working with the girls on their talent with the bees? What is your evidence?

What's the Buzz: Where do you think we are on the story arc at this point in the story and why?



Chapter 21

Random Bee Fact #108: Read this list of [10 Most Interesting Facts About Bees](#) and Honey from Big Island Bees. How much honey will one bee make in her lifetime?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

template _____

monstrous _____

retrospect _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. How does the author use the print type to show you that the girls are texting on their phones on page 167?

2. How has the relationship between the girls and Mr. Henry changed and why?

3. Why does Fran want to see Carissa lose the competition? It is called an ulterior motive. Check out the definition on Merriam-Webster.com.

What's the Buzz: Research something you would like to share with the group about bees that we haven't learned about yet.

Chapter 22

Random Bee Fact # 44: Considering what they are about to attempt in this chapter, why is this bee fact important?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

constellation_____

superaware_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. On page 175, Mr. Henry says “we’ve got this down to a science.” What type of figurative language is he using and what does he mean?

2. What are three words you would use to describe Mr. Henry and why?

3. How did Flor react to getting stung on her first bee beard attempt? How do you predict she will react if she gets stung during the pageant?

What’s the Buzz: As we read the next few chapters, we are headed into the climax of the story arc. What do you hope happens to the main characters?

Chapter 23

Random Bee Fact # 62: Read this article from The Unconventional Gardener called [Bees In Space](#). Why did the bees have to “hold it” for the entire time they were on the mission? Did you know that bees can “hold it” all winter long!

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

tyrant _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What does Flor find out when Mrs. Thornton comes to the mattress store about Mr. Henry? How might this change their relationship?

2. Why do you think the author added this twist to the plot of the story? How does it affect the story and how you feel about Mr. Henry?

3. At the end of the chapter, Florence says “The festival wasn’t over yet.” What does she mean by this?

4. What’s the Buzz: This book is filled with figurative language. Why do you think the author used these types of language in her book?

Chapter 24

Random Bee Fact #49: Read this step-by-step process called How Do Bees Make Honey from the Barkman Honey website. What surprised you about the process?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

lukewarm _____

landlord _____

shoo _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. On page 190, Flor is eating applesauce and she says that it was “lukewarm, making it taste sour. It was fitting.” What does she mean by this?

2. Flor has started to refer to the feelings that she has like nervousness to the feeling of the bees buzzing on her skin. What do you think the author wants us to understand about what is going to happen next in the story?

3. Candice is really upset about Flor’s choice not to do the talent they have practiced, which means that they could lose the contest. How would you feel if you were in Candice’s position? Why?

What’s the Buzz: Are you like any of the characters in this book? How are you like that character?

Chapter 25

Random Bee Fact #7: Watch this video about [Drone Bees](#) on YouTube. What did you learn about drones?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

rice-paper _____

whim _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Fran tells Flor that she is selfish? Do you agree or disagree?

2. On page 200, Flor and Gran are rocking on the swing and the author uses the sound words (onomatopoeia) *screech-scrooch* describing the movement of the chains of the swing as rhythmic. How does the description of the sound help the story?

3. Why do you think that Brooke hasn't gotten in touch with Flor? What is your prediction for their friendship?

What's the Buzz: What would make you most nervous about moving to a new town? Losing friends? Making new friends? Not knowing your way around town?

Chapter 26

Random Bee Fact #55: Read this short article about a research project to see if [Bees Recognize Human Faces](#) from ScienceMag.org. What did you learn?

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Why didn't Brooke return any of Flor's messages about her summer and the upcoming move to New Jersey?

2. On page 205, it says, "then there was nothing and an entire summer of everything between Brooke and me." What does Flor mean by this statement?

3. What does Flor find out about Mr. Henry to change her mind about him?

What's the Buzz: What is Flor going to do next? Why is this chapter important in the story arc?

Chapter 27

Random Bee Fact #3: Watch this YouTube video called [Battle Royale: Queen Bees Fighting](#). The beekeeper says that it is hard to watch and hard not to intervene, or help one of the queens. Would you feel the same way or would you feel more like this is just nature's way of doing things?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words (dictionary.com)

urgent _____

grimace _____

boho _____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Use google to search for **lehenga**, the outfit that Flor plans to wear to the ball. This is a traditional full length skirt worn by women in India.
2. How has Flor's relationship with her sister changed in this chapter?

3. Fran tells Flor, “for someone brave enough to let a bunch of bees on your face, you sure are a baby about asking a question.” Do you think that this is true about Flor? What does that tell us about her character traits?

4. What’s the Buzz: If you were Mr. Henry would you still allow the girls to use the bees and the supplies for the contest? Why or why not?

Chapter 28

Random Bee Fact #89: Watch this YouTube video by PBS about [How Bees Can See the Invisible](#). What kinds of patterns do you notice with the flowers’ colors or shapes?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

campaign_____

impatient_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Why is Flor chasing Candice around in the ballroom at the Golden Lamb?

2. On page 220, when Flor finally runs into Mr. Henry, she says “I’m sorry about her, Marjorie,” and describes the feeling as her “name getting caught in my throat.” What does this really mean? What does the author want you to know about how Flor is feeling at this moment?

3. How does Mr. Henry respond to Flor’s request to still use the bees?

What’s the Buzz: Did you expect Flor and Candice to become friends? Would you have been willing to forgive Candice for the things that she said to Flor? Why or why not?

Chapter 29

Random Bee Fact #77: Watch this video about [20,000 Bees Swarm Woman’s Car for Two Days to Rescue Their Queen](#). Why did the bees go in the box at first but then come back out again?

Word Detective: record the definition of these words

bedazzled_____

barricade_____

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. What are the things that Flor is worried about before the competition?

2. Why does Flor compare Candice to different colored yarn?

3. Flor says that she wasn't nervous before the pageant when she was in third grade, but she is nervous now. Why would she feel differently between then and now?

What's the Buzz: Predict the ending of the book!

Chapter 30

Random Bee Fact # 101: Read this article called [How Do Bees Choose the Next Queen](#) from the Wonderopolis website. What did you find interesting?

Discussion Questions: answer the following questions for the group discussion

1. Mr. Henry says that he took the queen away from the bees the day before the contest. How does that help the girls with their performance?

2. Why is Candice’s speech so important for the audience to hear?

3. Why would the girls’ parents be mad?

What’s the Buzz: Do you think that the girls should be disqualified? Why or why not?

Chapter 31

Random Bee Fact #34: Watch this video of [Drone Eviction: Worker Bees Dragging Drones Out of the Hive](#) on YouTube. Why do the worker bees kick them out?

Write a book review: A book review is supposed to help someone decide if they would want to read the book you just finished.

- Start by telling the audience what this book is about including who, what, where, when, and how.
- Tell just enough to inform but do not give away the surprising things, and never tell the ending!
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