

LET'S THINK ABOUT IT

Good questions help us learn.

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1. Do you have a group of friends like the campfire gang? What are their names?
2. The gang loves hearing Pops' stories. Does someone read stories to you? How much do you like hearing those stories?
3. In Chapter 2, BB has to do some chores before he can play with his friends. What chores are you expected to do at home?
4. One of the gang's goals is to catch the Monster. What's one goal you have for yourself? Have you ever caught a fish like the Monster?
5. The boys decide to jump the fence surrounding the quarry despite the sign that says, "Do not enter" (page 18). How easy or difficult is it for you to follow rules like that?
6. Some of the boys didn't want to climb over the quarry fence, but they did anyway. Do you ever feel pressure from your friends to do what they want? What do you do if what they want is wrong?
7. Do you ride in a school bus like the one the campfire gang found in the quarry? If so, what do you do in the bus?
8. Are you tall like Kerry, small like Spencer or somewhere in the middle? Does your size ever affect what you do?
9. In Chapter 3, the gang comes up with team rules that they all promise to follow. What rules do you and your friends have?
10. Pops' toothpicks are red—and they glow! What do you think about glowing toothpicks?
11. The gang decides that BB will be their leader. Who do you know that would make a good leader, and why?

12. How athletic are you? What sports do you like? Are you good at climbing like Spencer?
13. Toby's stepdad is a geologist and knows all about fossils. Have you ever seen or found a fossil?
14. What do you think about what the rock says?
15. What do you think a Clamp looks like? How fast are they?
16. Do you like to help others? What's one thing you have done to make someone's life better?
17. On page 76, we find out BB's real name is Silas. Does anyone call you a name other than your first name?
18. Would you like to eat a black apple from the Clamps? What's your favorite food?
19. Thaddeus tells the gang that they can see how old a Clamp is because of the color of their skin (page 80). How can you tell how old someone is?
20. At the end of Chapter 7, the Strikers promise to return to defeat the gang. What do you think will happen when the Strikers come back with the rest of their army?
21. By the end of this book, we start to find out that Pops isn't just an old man who reads stories. Who do you think Pops really is?
22. In Chapter 8, Wind gives Sammy and the gang a choice. Would you rather learn life's lessons through being challenged or take it easy and find out less about yourself and life?
23. Wind is wise and quietly gives the gang good advice. Who or what is Wind like?
24. What do you think the rock means when it gives the gang the following advice (page 124)?

"So don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

(Matthew 10:31)