

Sophie Sparrow Wants to be a Flamingo



Reading Comprehension & Discussion Guide

Comprehension Questions

1. There are lots of fun tents at "Early Bird Summer Camp." If you were there, which tent would you most like to visit and why?
2. What does a flamingo look like? Try to describe it without looking at the pictures!
3. Where does Miss Sapphire live?
4. Why did Sophie really want to find Miss Sapphire?
5. At the start of the story, did Sophie like the way her life was? What clues in the story tell you this?
6. Name some things Sophie didn't like about herself or her life.
7. When Sophie finally became a flamingo, was her life as wonderful as she thought it would be? Why or why not?
8. What was something Sophie thought she would love as a flamingo that turned out to be not so great after all?





Discussion Questions

9. In the end, Sophie realized her life as a sparrow was actually pretty great! What things made Sophie's life good just the way it was?
10. Have you ever wished you were different or had something someone else has? How did that feel?
11. Sophie learned that being herself was better than being someone else. Can you think of something special about YOU that makes you, well... you?
12. What do you think the story is trying to teach us about being happy?

Art & Gratitude Activity



Think about the things in YOUR life that make you happy—the people you love, things you enjoy doing, places you like to go, or even your favorite foods!
Draw a picture showing the things you're most grateful for in your life.

You can include:

- People who make you smile
- Activities you love
- Places that feel special to you
- Things that make your life good just the way it is

Bonus Question for Curious Minds!

What is the wingspan of an American Bald Eagle? (Hint: It's pretty impressive!)

Parent/Teacher Note: This story explores themes of self-acceptance, gratitude, and finding happiness in our own lives rather than comparing ourselves to others. The discussion questions are designed to help children connect Sophie's journey to their own experiences with contentment and appreciation.

