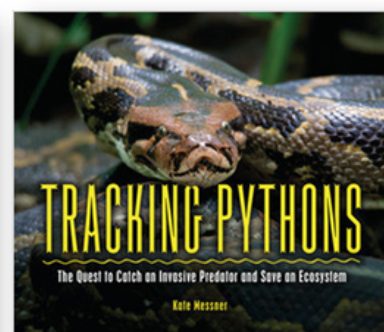
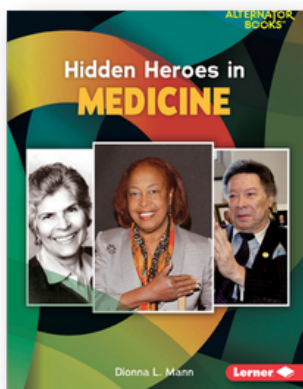


Winter Academy Discussion Guide Grade 5



1. Why do you think stories are important in building a sense of community? How can stories help people connect and share ideas?
2. Look at your book pack. Are there vivid images on the cover or in the book? How do the images make you feel? Do the images make you want to read the book? Why or why not?
3. Now look inside the book. Who is telling the story?
4. In what ways do stories help us understand different perspectives and experiences? Can you think of a story that gave you insight into a perspective or culture different from your own?
5. Can you name any books by Jason Reynolds that you've read or heard about?
6. How do you think Jason Reynolds's background in hip-hop and poetry influenced his writing style? Can you find any connections between his early interests and his books?
7. Why is it important to learn about hidden heroes in medicine? How might their stories inspire future generations of medical professionals or researchers?
8. Looking at the cover of *The Notions of Cooper Cameron*, what do you think the story is going to be about?
9. Do you prefer fiction or nonfiction books?
10. How do you think the presence of pythons in Florida affects the local ecosystem? What might be some consequences of these pythons taking over the area?