



Sophie Washington: Queen of the Bee

Discussion Questions

1. Why doesn't Sophie want to sign up for the spelling bee at first? What makes her change her mind?
2. In the beginning of the story, Sophie's parents think she's too immature to get a pet. What type pet does she want?
3. Sophie's best friend, Chloe, has dyslexia. What is her reaction when Nathan teases her about it? Why do you think she behaves this way?
4. Have you ever been in a spelling competition? How did you prepare? Do you think Sophie's study plan was a good one?
5. What business does Nathan's family own?
6. Sophie initially calls Nathan Jones "Mr. Know It All." Does her opinion of him change by the book's end?
7. What advice does Granny Washington give Sophie when she doubts that she can beat Nathan?
8. Sophie and her little brother, Cole, argue throughout the book, but when she shares good news after the spelling bee, he draws her a special picture. Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
9. Mariama feels left out during Spirit Week because she didn't have a Twin Day partner. Have you ever been the new kid in school? How did you handle it?
10. Why is *Queen of the Bee* a good title for the story? If you had to give it a different title, what would be another good title for the book?