Weekly Reading Assignment 1

Pages 60-119 of AJF

**After completing this week’s assigned reading, complete the questions below and be ready to share and discuss your responses with your Core Group.**

1. Mary Pearson wrote, “I bring them together, fingertip to fingertip, like a steeple. Each one perfect in appearance. But something is not…right. Something that I still have no word for. It is a dull twisting that snakes through me. Is this a tangled feeling that everyone my age feels? Or is it different? Am I different? I slide my steepled fingers slowly, watching them interlace. Trying to interlace, like a clutched desperate prayer, but again, I feel like the hands I am lacing are not my own, like I have borrowed them from a twelve-fingered monster. And yet, when I count them, yes, there are ten. Ten exquisitely perfect, beautiful fingers” (Pearson 83-84). What inference are readers able to make about Jenna from this description? How does this further develop Jenna’s character?
2. Lily made the comment, “When it is my time to go, I go” to Jenna. What does this quote mean and why would Lily reference this quote when speaking to Jenna?
3. Mary Pearson elaborates upon the use of Bio Gel on page 94 of the text. Explain what Bio gel is, what it is used for and what it is capable of doing.
4. Ethan says that the FSEB is “…trying to preserve our humanity” which allows readers to infer that humanity is changing. How is humanity changing? Is it for the better or for the worse?
5. Jenna uncovers something that her parents have been hiding from her. Why would Jenna’s parents hide something like this from her? Were they trying to protect her? If so, what were they protecting her from? What is the reader able to foreshadow/inference based upon the passage on page 113?
6. Mary Pearson included several references to Jenna’s height and how in the video she was a different height than she was now. What inference are readers able to make regarding Jenna’s height?