

The Last of the Mohicans Discussion Questions

Answer each of the following questions with 3-4 sentences each.

1. **Analyze:** Who is the hero of this story? Explain.
2. **Characterization:** Is Magua a completely evil character? Explain.
3. **Analyze:** Are the women of this story strong or weak? Explain.
4. **Analyze:** How is David Gamut a round character? What has he learned on his adventure?
5. **Theme:** How are several of the characters hybrids of two cultures? Did this help them or hurt them in the story? Explain.
6. **Connect:** How are most Americans hybrids of multiple cultures?
7. **Theme:** How is the theme of family important in the story?
8. **Connect:** What is your definition of family?
9. **Author's Purpose:** Why did James Fenimore Cooper choose for his story to end in tragedy?
10. **Symbolism:** The deaths of Uncas and Cora are symbolic of what two groups of people?
11. **Theme:** How is racism a theme in the story? Explain.
12. **Connect:** Does racism still exist in the world today? Explain.
13. **Theme:** How are nature and the wilderness important in the story?
14. **Connect:** How do you feel toward nature? Is it a wild and dangerous place or a fun and inspiring place? Explain.
15. **Theme:** What does the story have to say about individualism? Does it promote the idea of being self-reliant? Does it promote the idea of being unique? Explain.
16. **Connect:** Hawkeye did not agree with white society, so he left it. Is this the correct solution? If you disagreed with your society, would you simply leave it? Explain.