

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

by Kelly Barnhill



8th Grade Summer Reading Activity

Name: _____ ID: _____

During the 2021 Summer Recess, all continuing eighth graders will read *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill. The following questions are to help guide readers through the novel and focus their understanding on important details.

Students, please answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. The first question for each reading is an open-ended question based on your own experiences. This will help prepare you for the content of the reading. Then, there will be three text-dependent questions, based specifically on what happens in the book. It will help if you read the questions before beginning the chapter, so you know what to look for. Also, respond as soon as you find the right answer.

All packets will be collected at the start of the 2021-22 school year. Besides the packet, students will take an Accelerated Reader test. Completing this packet and passing the Accelerated Reader test will make sure students have a successful beginning to MacArthur 8th grade language arts class!

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Chapters 1-10

While reading The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading - Chapter 1, and every few chapters in the book, has *italicized* text. In those chapters, it appears that a narrator is telling the story of the novel to someone else. Who has told you stories? Relatives? Siblings? Teachers? Write about a time someone told you a story.

Chapter 2 is titled "In Which an Unfortunate Woman Goes Quite Mad." Why was the woman so upset in this chapter? How did the Grand Elder Gherland handle the situation?

Chapter 3 - What does Xan, the witch, do every year with the babies the town leaves? How is this different from their expectation?

Chapter 6 - What is Antain training for? Why does his uncle, Grand Elder Gherland, confront him about his future?

Chapter 9 - As a young child, how is Luna dangerous? What does Xan do to try to protect her?

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Chapters 11-18

While reading The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading - Antain seems to be reluctant in his training to become the Grand Elder, but his mother insists on him going continuing the training, anyway. Write about some of the responsibilities you have but may be reluctant to do.

Chapter 11 - Xan decides on a plan that will keep Luna safe, but also remove her own magic. What is Xan's spell / plan?

Chapter 13 - Who does Antain go to visit? What happens during his visit?

Chapter 15 - How has Antain taken control of his own life? What is he doing now?

Chapter 18 - There seems to be a convergence, a coming together of the different storylines at this point. What is happening that brings Xan, Antain, Grand Elder Gherland, and the madwoman in the tower all together?

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Chapters 19-27

While reading The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading - In the following reading, Luna makes several important discoveries about magic and Xan. Now, her character will change because she has a different perspective. When have you learned something really important, something that may have changed the way you see yourself, others, or the world?

Chapter 21 - The dragon, Fyrian, has a nightmare. What happens in the nightmare and how does he get out of it?

Chapter 23 - Luna begins showing some strange behavior. What are some odd things that happen to, and around, her? What does she draw?

Chapter 24 - What plan does Antain present to The Elders? How does it connect to events earlier in the novel?

Chapter 27 - Luna discovers how Xan originally received her powers, became a witch. How did it happen? How is it similar to Luna's own story?

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Chapters 28-37

While reading The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading - Much of the novel revolves around Xan hiding the truth from Luna. Has there ever been a time where someone has hidden the truth from you to protect you? Or have you hidden the truth from someone else to protect him or her?

Chapter 29 - What did the note that Xan left Luna say? What did it cause Luna, and eventually Glerk and Fyrian too, to do?

Chapter 32 - Xan has been spending her time in a different form, seemingly forgetting herself. What form is she in? And what causes her to jump into action?

Chapter 33 - What does Sister Ignatia eat to survive? How has her past actions shaped the events of this novel?

Chapter 36 - What recovered memory does Luna see? How does that help her find Xan now?

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Chapters 37-48

While reading The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading - The resolution of the novel revolves around forgiveness. When have you, or someone close to you, had to forgive someone? What does it feel like to give forgiveness, to receive it?

Chapter 38 - Ethyne goes to the Tower and reveals what to the sisters? With the help of Wyn, what do the people of the town realize about their children, too?

Chapter 40 - The madwoman has something that Sister Ignatia wants? What is it? How does the conflict resolve?

Chapter 43 - What is the first spell Luna casts on purpose? Why is it important?

Chapter 44 - What did Fyrian decide to do, regarding the Sorrow Eater? What turned out to be the source of her magic?
