

Discussion Questions for CITIZENS OF LOGAN POND: LIFE

1. The title of the trilogy is *Citizens of Logan Pond*. The subtitles for the books are *Life, Liberty*, and *The Pursuit*, based on a quote from James Madison and the Declaration of Independence. Why do you think the author chose these?
2. How do the clansmen justify living illegally on government property? Do you think they are justified? Would you choose the same?
3. Carrie argues that America is a resilient land filled with resilient people. That “we’ve come through harder times as a stronger nation.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Have you considered the possibility of a broad financial catastrophe in the future? How prepared are you for a situation like the one mentioned?
5. After Greg apologizes, Carrie is quick to forgive him for his past offenses? Does she forgive him completely? Do you agree with her decision? Why or why not?
6. How did your opinion of Greg change throughout the novel? How did your opinion of Carrie change? Of Oliver?
7. Different characters reacted differently to hard times and stress (Carrie, Greg, Oliver, Mariah, May, Amber, Jeff, Jenna). Which of the characters’ reactions do you most identify with and why?
8. Each person in the clan is assigned certain chores and responsibilities. How does Carrie’s suit her? Do you agree that keeping Oliver happy is one of her “chores”? If you lived in a similar situation, what skills or responsibilities could you contribute to your clan?
9. The clan allows each person to keep one non-essential item. Carrie chose a porcelain doll which had been her mother’s, grandmother’s, and great-grandmother’s. If you were allowed to keep one non-essential item, what would you choose and why?
10. Love is a major theme in this novel: love between siblings, parent and child, grandparents and grandchildren, young love, love in the later years, and even love found within the bond of friendship. Which love story spoke most to you and why?