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## Document #2 Apartment 713 Discussion Questions

1. Jake wasn't happy about moving into the Regency at the beginning of the book. Have you had to move houses/apartments/schools? If so, what were your initial thoughts and feelings? Why? If you haven't had to move houses/apartments/schools, how do you think you would feel? Why? Explain.
2. When Danny, the building's superintendent, told Jake that room 713 in the Regency was off limits, what thoughts did you have? Did you have any ideas as to why room 713 was off limits?
3. Jake began to take a liking to the residences in the Regency when he began helping deliver packages. Why do you think this is?
4. The Regency was full of surprises and mysteries. If you were the architect of the Regency when it was being built, what unique features would you include in the building, and why?
5. Describe some of the differences between life in the 1920s and 2020s.
6. If you could travel to the past, what decade would you choose and why?
7. Jake used some words like "google", "podcast" and "download" when talking to Beth. If you were transported back in time by many decades and had to explain what life is like in the year 2023, what pieces of information would you share? (example: advancement in technology, economy, pop culture, travel, food, etc)
8. Why do you think the author, Kevin Sylvester, decided to include famous baseball players Babe Ruth and Cool Papa Bell in Apartment 713? How would the storyline change if these players weren't included in the book?
9. Beth's father told her he'd buried a treasure somewhere in the Regency before he died. If you could bury a treasure inside the Regency, where would you choose to bury it? Why did you choose this spot? If you could bury a treasure in

your home, where would you choose to bury it? Why did you choose this spot?

10. "Applesauce", "Humdinger", "Wet noodle" are all terms that Beth uses. Create an original trending word or phrase, and explain its meaning, then use it in a sentence.
11. What do you think was the main purpose of Jake traveling to the 1920s? Was it to simply save the Regency?
12. The Regency could be considered the main character of the book. How so? Do you agree or disagree?
13. What were your thoughts and emotions when we found out that Beth is actually Lily?
14. Explain Jake's realization of the saying "old can be beautiful".
15. What does the word "HOME" mean to you?
16. How does understanding the past give us an insight into the present?
17. Why do you think it's important to seek out stories from older generations?
18. Explain how the themes of community, friendship and compassion are weaved throughout the book.