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Red Maple Fiction

Autumn Bird & The Runaway

by Melanie Florence and Richard Scrimger

Discussion Questions

- 1) If you were asked by the author to re-name this book, what would you call it? Defend your title.
- 2) Which character(s) in the book do you think exhibits good character? Explain using your own ideas and examples from the text. If possible, use your school character traits for reference.
- 3) Autumn hides Cody in her dad's studio at the back of her house. Cody didn't want Autumn to tell her parents about him. What would you do if you were her? Would you tell your family about Cody? Explain.
- 4) Autumn's mother reminds her of the importance of the Grandfather Teachings. Research and learn about the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Which of the Seven Grandfather Teachings do we see Autumn demonstrate throughout the book?
- 5) Autumn considered Mia to be a friend at the beginning of the story. What qualities do you look for in a friend?
- 6) Cody used racial slurs during a conversation with Autumn and her parents. Do you believe Cody is a racist? Explain using evidence from the text and your own ideas.
- 7) How does power, privilege, and social identities intersect in the story? Use the wheel of power and privilege as a reference.
(<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/ircc/documents/pdf/english/corporate/anti-racism/wheel-privilege-power.pdf>)
- 8) The book ended with Autumn's point of view two months later. Write a short chapter two months later from Cody's point of view.