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The Discovery of Finnegan Wilde by Caroline Pignat Discussion Questions

Gather 3 or more people who have read *The Discovery of Finnegan Wilde*. Briefly summarize the book to remind everyone of the details (some of you may have read it a while ago!) Use the questions below to help keep the discussion going:

1. Who was your favourite character in the book? Why?
2. What are the main themes or messages in *The Discovery of Finnegan Wilde*? Discuss as a group, if you agree or disagree, and why.
3. One of the themes in this book is resilience. How do the main characters exhibit resilience? Share a time when you were resilient or witnessed someone else being resilient.
4. Throughout her very long life Finn has kept the faith that her father left clues for her and her brothers to enter *Tir na nÓg*. But the entrance closed while Finn saved Eddie's father's life in the last light of the summer solstice. Discuss why Finn wasn't completely devastated by this choice.
5. In Chapter 23, Eddie uncovers the Wayfinder which is one of the keys to finding the Cauldron. A wayfinder is described as a person or a tool that uses natural cues or signs to navigate. Become a Wayfinder by describing how to go from school to home or a park using natural landmarks.



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6. A motif is something that appears over and over in a story to help the author explore the story's themes. Maps are an important motif in this book. Identify at least 3 places the author uses maps to explore the story's theme. Can you identify any other motifs in the story?
7. This story is told from three different perspectives –, Eddie, Finn and Tomás. Their individual voices are interwoven, much like the Celtic knot. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses to having three narrators and how it moves the story along.
8. Family is a common thread for all three narrators – Finn's search for her family, Eddie's long family history, and Tomás' 'family' of brothers that sometimes reject him. Discuss how these different family pressures affect each character to behave in certain ways.
9. Initially, Finn and Eddie don't trust or even like each other. Discuss why this is and the ways their relationship changes throughout the story.
10. The book ends with Finn getting ready to search for her twin brothers, Fiachra and Conn. Do you like the ending? Why or why not? What do you think will happen next in their story?