



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR EARTHLOG: MY NOT SO NORMAL SIXTH GRADE YEAR BY DAN H. LAWRENCE

1. The main character, Leo, is navigating the typical challenges of sixth grade—friends, school, and fitting in—while also grappling with his identity as an alien on a secret mission. How does this dual identity affect his decisions and relationships throughout the book?
2. How would you describe Leo's relationship with his best friend, Kevin? Does Kevin ever suspect that Leo is not a typical human kid?
3. The book is written in a diary format. How does this perspective, from inside Leo's head, help us understand his struggles and his thoughts about humanity? What do you think would be different if the story were told from a different point of view?
4. Leo and his family's mission is to study human behavior and culture. What observations does Leo make about humans that you found particularly insightful or funny? Do you think his analysis is accurate?
5. The book touches on themes of environmentalism and human impact on the planet. What are some of the positive and negative aspects of human behavior that Leo observes? How does his alien perspective make these issues stand out?
6. How does Leo's family's mission to learn about humanity parallel the experience of a new kid trying to learn the social rules of a new school?
7. The title includes *My Not So Normal Sixth Grade Year*. What are some of the "normal" sixth-grade experiences that Leo has, and what are some of the "not so normal" ones?
8. Do you think the book's message is about the environment, or is it more about learning to accept others and seeing the world from a different point of view?
9. If you were an alien studying Earth, what is one thing about human culture that you would find the most confusing or surprising?
10. The book ends with Leo's mission still in progress. What do you think happens next for him? Do you think he will ever return to his home planet?

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