

Hello from Renn Lake

Discussion Questions

1. How do Annalise's and Renn's points of view complement each other through the story? How are they different?
2. Contrast and compare Annalise's and Jess's points of view. How do they interpret events according to their own perspectives?

1, 2 Common Core—Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.

3. Could you narrate a story in the voice of something in nature? How would you make it believable? How would it be different or similar to a human narrator?

Common Core—Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

4. Describe how the relationship between the lake and the river changes after the harmful algal bloom occurs.
5. Which events affect and change Annalise's and Jess's relationship?

4, 5 Common Core—Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

6. Find these words in the book: cyanobacteria, phosphorus, harmful algal bloom, stormwater runoff, and allelopathy. Look up their definitions.

Common Core—Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.

7. What do you think Jess learns through the story? How does she act at the beginning as compared to the end?
8. Describe the relationship between Annalise and Zach. Is Zach an important character? Why or why not?
9. Turn to an important scene in the book and quote a sentence or two. What does it mean, and what does it make you think about?

Common Core—Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

10. What is Mr. Alden's role in the story?

11. Who, or what, is the antagonist?

12. Was the ending satisfying to you? If you were writing a sequel, what would happen next?