

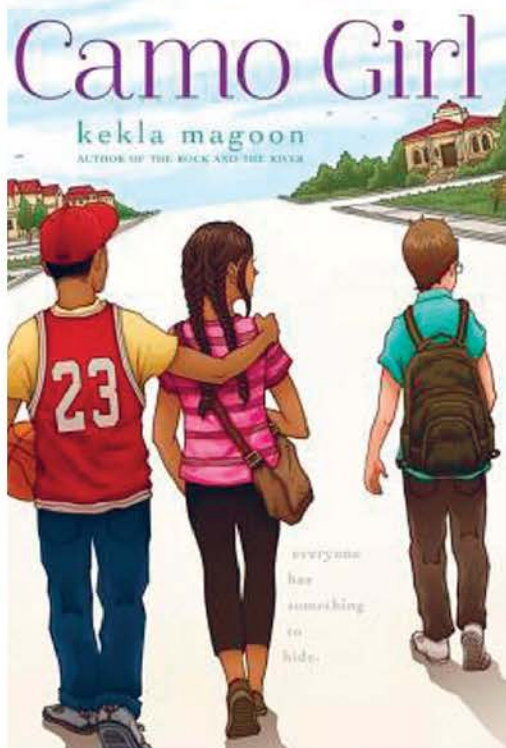
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YOUR STUDENT WORKBOOK FOR

Camo Girl

A novel by Kekla Magoon



This workbook belongs to:

About the Book

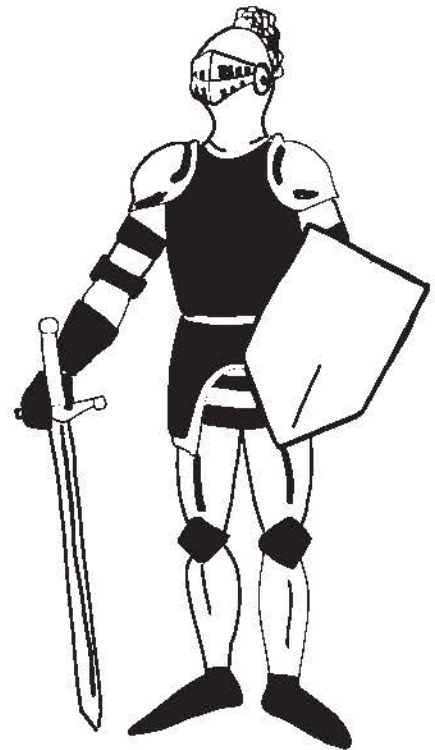
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Story Summary

Camo Girl explores the stories of Ella, her best friend Z, and Bailey James, the cool new kid at their school. Ella and Z have bonded through their shared experience of feeling like outcasts. But when Bailey James arrives at their school, things begin to change. Bailey James immediately develops a kinship with Ella, as they are the only Black kids on campus. As the connection between Bailey and Ella deepens, Ella and Z's friendship gets increasingly complicated. Over time, Ella comes to see that all three of them are experiencing similar struggles but coping in different ways, and the three find ways to support one another.

Kekla Magoon is the author of eight novels. She is biracial — her father is from Cameroon and her mother was born in the United States. She has spent a significant amount of time working at nonprofit organizations in New York City. These experiences have helped her better understand people of all ages. Now, she lives in Vermont, where she writes and teaches writers. She won an NAACP Image Award, two Coretta Scott King honors, and was on the long list for the National Book Award.

About the Author



Session 8

Theme: *Loss of a Loved One*

Guiding Question: All of the main characters in our book are grieving a loss of someone they loved, and they all cope in different ways. What can we learn from Ella, Z, and Bailey about coping with loss? How can this help you with the losses you have faced in your own life?

Vocabulary

Write a complete sentence for each of the following vocabulary words. Use the definitions provided to make sure you are using these words correctly!



stony (pg. 147): adj., rigid or unfeeling

slinks (pg. 151): v., moves slowly, as if with shame

pew (pg. 152): n., a long, backed bench, often found in churches

Session 7 Recap

In the previous session, Z tries to fight Bailey, who refuses to fight back, because Bailey has his "treasure:" a few Mirage casino chips. Later, Bailey punches Jonathan after he calls Ella "Camo-Face" and hits her in the face with his backpack. Bailey is grounded, and Ella comes to the conclusion that she and Bailey cannot be friends.

Read pages 143-158



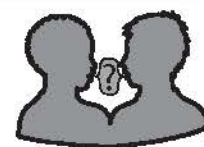
While You Read:

As you read, keep track of unfamiliar words, inspiring quotes, and questions you have.

Reading Context:

Unitarian church (pg. 152): a kind of Christian church with a liberal approach to its teachings

Discussion Questions

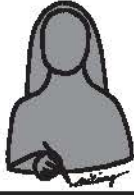


Write your response to each question below using a complete sentence.

- What important anniversary occurs in this session? What does Z do to commemorate the anniversary? What do you think about this?

- How does Ella remember her dad? How do you or your family remember the people you've lost?

- Make a prediction. What do you think Z's quest is?



Choose one of these prompts to respond to in at least one full paragraph of writing.

KINDNESS

Even though Z and Ella's friendship has been tense, Z remembers the anniversary of Ella's father's passing. He gives her a little heart with a three painted on it to show that he cares.

Write about a time when you were kind to someone.

- » What happened? How did you show kindness?
- » How did it feel to offer this person comfort and compassion?
- » Who in your life shows you kindness?

CRYING

Ella watches as the anniversary of her father's death takes a toll on her mother, who cries in the church and at home.

Write about a time when you cried or felt like crying.

- » What was happening that made you feel so sad?
- » How did it feel to let out your emotions?
- » Some people believe crying is a sign of weakness. What do you think about this?

Name: _____



Ella copes with grief by...

My advice to this character is...



Z copes with grief by...

My advice to this character is...



Bailey copes with grief by...

My advice to this character is...

Z, Ella, and Bailey are all coping with losing their fathers. Each of them shows their feelings in different ways. In this activity, you will use this worksheet to compare each character's reaction to the losses they've faced.



Extra Activities for Exploring the Book

Name: _____

I can exercise my body by...

My Self-Care Plan

Important people who I trust...

I can be a good friend by...

I can relax my body and mind by...

This is Me

I can spend time with these people...

I can make myself happy by...

My hopes and dreams...

I can show care to others by...

Some of the characters in *Camó Girl* struggle to show themselves care while coping with difficult experiences and emotions. How do you take care of yourself, and your mental, emotional, and physical well-being? Take some time today to write your own self-care plan.

My Self-Care Plan