



JO ALLEN ASH'S READER GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE SLEEPING MYTH

What do you think of the various places our characters have entered in this book?

Was Duncan's mother what you expected? Did you understand her motivation? Do you think Duncan was able to? Discuss.

What positives and negatives do you recall about Duncan's father and uncle?

Duncan faces a challenge no seventeen-year-old likely should. Do you think it changed him? For better or worse?

After Grace's injury, was there a shift in leadership? How did that work?

By now, you understand the world the characters live in. How did you feel about Brand's position in it, especially since he is not yet thirteen?

What benefit of friendship and skill does Brand bring to the circle of friends?

What do you believe was Hannah's motivation for her possible betrayal outside the Sleeping Myth?

When Valeah speaks about the disc/Sleeping Myth coming from a distant world not specifically stated, what world do you believe that might be?

What do you suppose the Darkness is and what are its threats?

Independent, strong-willed Grace is changed by their passage through the Sleeping Myth and is confused by the fact her mage light is pink. What reason can you imagine for the color?

What do you feel might be each character's motivation for sticking with Grace and Duncan, despite the dangers they all face?

Many times, fantasy is not necessarily character-driven. However, reviews about the Shadow Journey series refer to it as such. What are your feelings about that?

Does the book possess a good mixture of action and insight? Explain your viewpoint.

Which character do you most identify with? Why?

If these books were made into a streaming series for television, who would you like to see play the various characters? Have fun with it.

What was your favorite scene or scenes in this book? Please share and explain why.

What did you think about the book's ending? Did it leave you looking forward to the fourth book?

What are you hoping for in the series' next volume, *In Darkness We Break*, especially as it is the last in this particular arc?

(Don't worry, book five starts the characters on a new adventure!)