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Comprehension Questions

Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis

Use the questions and blank spaces below with your kids or students to build their literacy skills!

- ★ What is the main idea of the story? What details let us know that this is the main idea?
- ★ How does Mare's past contrast with the lives of her granddaughters, Octavia and Tali?
- ★ What do Octavia and Tali initially think of their grandmother and how do their opinions change throughout the story?
- ★ How does this novel address racism and sexism in the 1940s and the present?
- ★ Why do you think the author chose to alternate between the past and present rather than tell the story chronologically?
- ★ What does Mare's journey teach us about the importance of knowing and honoring our ancestors' stories?