

The Weather Detectives – Discussion Questions

What was your favorite part of the book?

Who was your favorite character?

If you were on the *Seafarer*, what would you be doing?

If you were trying to solve the *Seafarer* mystery along with Henry, Rachel, and Kelvin, would you do anything differently?

How much of the book's mystery did you figure out? Did anything surprise you?

What did you think of Irene and Robert Santiago? What about Vernon Holloway? What about Audrey Abbott, Chef Hensley, Stanley Gardner, Harriet Bright, Eliza Bright, or any of the main characters?

Have you ever been on a cruise or another trip? What was it like?

What's is your favorite type of weather? What is your favorite season? Why?

Daniel Fahrenheit invented the mercury barometer. If you could invent a meteorological instrument (or another sort of device), what would it do?

Roald Amundsen and his team were the first people to ever reach the south Pole. If you could go to a distant place, where would it be? How's the weather there?

Francis Beaufort was shipwrecked on an island as a fifteen-year-old. Do you think being shipwrecked affected his map-making career and other pursuits? What would you do if you were shipwrecked yourself?

Elizabeth Laird came out of retirement to help develop radar technology in World War II. If you could do anything you wanted after you finished working, what would it be?

George Merryweather invented the "tempest prognosticator," which tried to predict the weather using living leeches. Have you ever had a far-out idea to solve a problem? Did you try it?

Kublai Kahn had extremely bad luck with the weather. Have you ever had bad luck with the weather? Could you have avoided it?

If you could go on a trip with one historical person in the book, who would it be?