

DEAR CANADA

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Whispers of War

The War of 1812 Diary of Susanna Merritt

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1. What does Susanna mean when she says she would rather her life be dull than dangerous?
2. What differences do you notice between Susanna's schooling and your own?
3. Virtually everyone Susanna knows, including her parents and Tabitha, has suffered tragic losses. Why might this be? Do you think the author is realistic in giving these characters such sad stories?
4. What does Susanna's revenge on Caroline tell you about Susanna?
5. Should Susanna tell someone about Mr. Seabrook's desertion? In what way is Mr. Seabrook a generous man? In what way is he a selfish man?
6. Do you agree with Hamilton that General Brock was reckless?
7. Susanna has seen many examples of bravery since the beginning of the diary. Why does she say that Ellis is the bravest boy she has ever met?