

Right there!	Think and Search
What does Naomi think is happening when she wakes up?	Explain how Gram plans to protect Naomi and Owen.
Where does Gram tell Owen and Naomi to hide?	Compare Naomi and Owen's reactions to Skyla hitting Naomi.
Author and me!	On my Own
Why would Skyla think she can take Naomi back with no problems?	How would you react to Skyla chasing you in Naomi's place?
Pam Muñoz Ryan grew up with both a white and Mexican family. Why do you think Naomi has the same heritage?	Have you ever felt so stressed you thought you'd be sick. Describe.

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Who do Naomi and her family go to visit? What language does Teresa speak?	Summarize what Naomi learns about Santiago (her father) from her great-aunt Teresa. What are the effects of Naomi seeing the picture of her father?
Author and me!	On my Own
Why would the author have Teresa speak Zapotec?	How would you react in Naomi's place to seeing a picture of your father?
What can you infer about how Naomi feels about her father?	Have you ever learned something new about your family that made you feel more connected to them?

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Who does Naomi run after at the end of the festival?	Compare and contrast how Naomi and Owen react to having seen their father.
What is the reason that people Naomi and the others through the terra cotta bowls at the church to shatter?	What are the effects of Santiago running away?
Author and me!	On my Own
What if Bernardo, Beni, and Pedro hadn't won a prize? How would they have reacted?	What prize would you have awarded to Bernardo, Beni, and Pedro if you had written the book??
What can you infer about Santiago from him running away when he saw Naomi and Owen and that he didn't look back?	Do you know any things people do that they believe are good luck?

## Student QAR Questions

- How did you connect with the characters?
- Compare and contrast how Santiago and Skyla came into Naomi and Owen's lives.
- What if Santiago hadn't come back after he ran away?
- Why did Naomi try so hard to find her father?
- Why do you think the author had Ruben not talk much with Naomi and Owen?
- What are the effects of Naomi going to Mexico?
- What if Skyla had never shown up?