

One Book for Nebraska Kids 2013

Discussion Questions for *Aliens on Vacation*:

1. How would you feel if your parents sent you to spend the summer with a relative you barely know?
2. David believes the summer with his grandmother is going to be boring and dull. Have you ever judged someone before you even met them?
3. Expectations can slant your viewpoint or your experience. Do you try to expect the positive and then let it happen? Does it usually happen if you expect it? (of course, negative can happen, too)
4. Is it all right to lie if you are protecting someone's (or some being's) safety?
5. David's nickname is Scrub and he has been called that since second grade. At the end of the book he tells Grandma to call him David from now on. Why do you think he decided that?
6. How do you think his summer experience will change his relationship with his dad?
7. When David went home, do you think he and his Dad talked about the Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast and what his grandmother does?
8. Would you go home and start looking at people differently to see if you could tell if they were aliens?
9. Would you be able to keep Grandma's secret about who stays at the Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast? Even after your friends talked about what they did over the summer and asked you again about you "boring" stay with grandma?

If your readers in your library come up with any other questions please pass your ideas along to Sally Snyder at sally.snyder@nebraska.gov or call her at 402-471-4003.

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