

# Discussion Questions for Lions & Liars by Kate Beasley

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1. Do you agree with Joel's "theory of life" that everyone is a lion, gazelle, meerkat, flea, etc.? Can a person change their position on the "food chain"? Does it matter?
2. Frederick has a chance to come clean about his identity when he arrives at camp. Why does he choose not to? What would you do in his place?
3. Some of the characters are at camp because they chose to be (while others didn't seem to have an option). Why would they choose to attend a disciplinary camp?
4. When Ant Bite tells Frederick the story of how he ended up at camp, were you surprised? How did your opinion of Ant Bite change?
5. Camp Omigoshee is a "transformational camp". Which character do you think has the biggest transformation during this story? Which character remained the same overall?
6. How does Frederick see his friends and family differently after this adventure? How does he see himself differently?
7. How does this new perspective change his theory of life?
8. More than anything, Frederick wanted to go on his vacation cruise. What is your ideal vacation?