

Gathering Blue

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Students entering English 8 read *Gathering Blue* as summer reading. The following questions should help with discussions, assignments, and tests when school begins. **You will be required to turn in this guide for a grade.**

CHAPTER 1

1. What happened to Kira's mother?
2. Now that Kira's mother is gone, name challenges that she now faces.
3. What happens when Kira returns to the village?

CHAPTER 2

1. What is Kira's special talent?
2. Who is Vandara?

CHAPTER 3

1. What is the Ruin Song?
2. Where does Kira go the day after she returns to the village? Why?
3. What is Kira accused of?

CHAPTER 4

1. Who helps Kira through the trial?
2. What is the one color of thread that Kira's mother cannot make?
3. How does Jamison treat Kira?
4. When does Kira first realize her gift?

CHAPTER 5

1. Who is Matt?
2. What happens at the trial?
3. What exciting news does Kira receive in this chapter?

CHAPTER 6

1. Describe Kira's new room.
2. How is Kira able to comfort herself in such an unfamiliar environment?

CHAPTER 7

1. Who is Thomas?
2. What talent does Thomas have?
3. How did his parents die?

CHAPTER 8

1. Who is Annabella?
2. According to her, what does Kira need to learn first, before learning to dye thread?

CHAPTER 9

1. What is the Council forbidden to teach Kira?
2. How does Thomas help Kira?
3. What does Kira ask Jamison for?
4. What scares Kira about Matt's venture?

CHAPTER 10

1. What does Kira do to Matt after she and Thomas remove him?

CHAPTER 11

1. What does Kira believe happened to her father?
2. What scares Kira as she travels to visit Annabella?
3. How does Annabella comfort Kira from her fears?

CHAPTER 12

1. What does Kira call the color blue?
2. Matt has a situation in this chapter. Explain
3. What sound does Kira hear in the night?

CHAPTER 13

1. When Kira and Thomas investigate the noise, what do they discover?
2. What do Kira, Jo, and Thomas have in common?

CHAPTER 14

1. What has happened to Annabella?

CHAPTER 15

1. How are Kira and Thomas able to visit Jo?

CHAPTER 16

1. How will Jo communicate with Kira and Thomas in case of an emergency?
2. When back in her room after visiting Jo, what does Kira realize about her new life?

CHAPTER 17

1. Describe the Fen.
2. Matt has been missing for several days. Where has he gone?

CHAPTER 18

1. What is the purpose of the Singer, the robe, and the staff?

CHAPTER 19

1. Where are Jo, Kira, and Thomas during the ceremony?
2. What do Kira and Thomas hear during this time?

CHAPTER 20

1. What has Kira realized through her study sessions with Thomas?
2. What gifts does Matt bring?

CHAPTER 21

1. What is Matt's "biggiftie"?

CHAPTER 22

1. What does Kira discover about the stranger?

CHAPTER 23

1. What does Kira realize about the Singer during the ceremony?
2. How does Kira believe she can change the future? Why?