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Talking Terabithia

Directions: Below are six prompts related to *Bridge to Terabithia*. For each one:



- Write a short response of your own.
- Be ready to share and debate your answer with a partner or group.
- Use at least one example from the book to support your opinion.

1. Do you think Jess would have discovered his creativity without Leslie? Why or why not?
2. Terabithia is an imaginary world, but it deeply affects Jess's real life. Do you think imagination can be as powerful as real experiences? Defend your answer.
3. After Leslie's death, Jess feels guilty for not being there. Do you think his guilt is fair, or is he being too hard on himself?
4. Jess builds a bridge at the end of the story. Is this more a symbol of his healing or of carrying on Leslie's legacy? Explain your reasoning.
5. In the novel, friendship transforms Jess's life. Do you think strong friendships can shape someone's identity more than family does? Why or why not?
6. If you could ask Leslie one question about her view of life, what would it be, and why?