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TALKING TO DOLPHINS GUIDE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE IS TO STIMULATE READERS TO THINK AND ANALYZE MORE DEEPLY RATHER THAN PARROTING WHAT THEY HAVE READ OR HEARD. TO PERCEIVE THEIR WORLD FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND HOW THEY CAN IMPROVE THEIR LIVES THROUGH THEIR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS.

The following is not in any particular order. Some could be used chapter by chapter while others would be more appropriate after the readers have finished the story. It is not meant to be limited. If you develop specific lesson plans or topics for discussion that work and would like to share them, feel free to submit them to our site for the benefit of others.

Which character is your favorite? Why? How did he/she improve his/herself? How did they improve the lives of others? Could they have done things differently? If so, how? Why do you think they thought the way they did?

Do you feel inside like one of the people in the story? How? Which characteristics does each person in the story have that you identify with or reminds you of yourself?

Which characteristics of each person in the story would you like to have? Why? How could you get that characteristic/trait?

If you don't have them, what can you do to acquire them?

Was it wrong for Chief Tevake to refuse Makais's request to go with the war party? Why? What was the chief's motivation? Why did the other warriors laugh at Makai?

What are inner demons? Make a list of fears Make a had and list of how he conquered each of the fears you listed.

What do you think the shark was a symbol of? Why?

What do you think the dolphin is a symbol of? Why?

What do you think the adze is a symbol of? Why?

Why did Makai have a turtle tattoo? What did he have to prove?

Was Makai ambitious? How do you know? Did he have goals? Give examples.

Did Matua have courage? Give examples.

How did each character show love? Fear? How did they conquer their fear/s?

Why did the people fear the High Kahuna?

Why were Makai and Matua able to get along so well and eventually fall in love.

What virtues/skills/values did Kaleo pass on to Makai? Patience, insight, encouragement, life skills? What kind of survival skills did he teach Makai? Lua, gardening, insights into how people think, how to plan, organize, and execute a plan.

How did each character influence the other characters? Was it in a positive/ negative way?

What is fear? Is anger fear? Is jealousy fear? Is conceit fear? How? Why?

What is a navigator? A person that can show or guide you from one location to another location? Can it mean something else? Could we replace the word "location" with a different word? Which word(s)?

What is a warrior? A person--man--woman--child who guards, defends, protects someone? An idea? Belief? Can it be for good or evil? How can it be good? How can this be for evil? Can this be done during a natural disaster? A war? A normal day?

What makes a warrior a warrior?

Can a warrior do good? Evil?

What is courage?

Do any of the characters have scars on their bodies? How did they get them? Do any of the characters have internal scars? From what?

Do you have scars on your body? How did you get them? Do you have internal scars? Do they bother You? You don't have to say them out loud. Do they affect how you see the world or how you feel or think?

Do any of the characters have doubts about anything? Why? Did they overcome them? How? Could you do the same? If so, how?

What doubts do you have? Why? How can you overcome them?

What can you do to make your life better?

Is it important to love yourself? Why?

Is it important to respect yourself. Why?

What is mana? Do you have it?

Which character do you identify with? Why?

What are demons? Evil spirits?

What is foreshadowing? Give specific examples of foreshadowing. Could we call it a sign or omen in today's world. Could it be mental? Physical?

What are omens? Could they mean opportunities that are coming? How?

What can you do to make the world a better place? e.g. Smile, laugh, help someone without expecting a reward, forgive, compliment honestly, listen without judging,

Make a list.