

Twenty-One Stones (Leap Limit Book 1)

Discussion Questions

1. Do you love history? What time period would you visit if you could go anywhere in time?
2. Throughout the book, Mars struggles to control the destiny of his best friend, the people he meets, and even himself. Do you believe in destiny or fate? If so, what is the driving force behind that destiny?
3. Have you ever lost someone close to you? How did you handle the loss? Were your coping mechanisms healthy or did they cause additional issues?
4. Have you ever visited any Civil War sites? If so, what did you take away from that experience? If not, which one would you visit if given the chance?
5. Many of the people Mars meets in the past have complicated motivations for their views on the war. Specifically, contrast Jonah Blosser (White Southern woman who risked her life to save a Black man) with Malinda Palzer (White Southern woman willing to disguise herself to fight for the Confederacy). What are the parallels and where do they differ?
6. What character from Mars's present did you identify with most? Why? And what character from the past did you identify with most?
7. What event would you be most tempted to go back in time to change? Why?
8. In the end, Long Browning tells Mars to keep doing that which only he can do. Do you believe we are here to exercise our unique gifts and talents every day? Or do we make too much of uniqueness in our society?
9. When Mars impulsively leaps in time, so many things could go wrong. Do you think his actions were justified or could he have been more patient in developing his technology?
10. If you could time travel just within the events of *your* life, what defining event would you change? Why?