

Curative Reading Fall Series – 2021
The All-Night Sun, By Diane Zinna
Week Eight Questions (Forward, Chapters 1-2)

Special Note For Answering Week Eight Questions: *As you enter these last few chapters of our story remember that Curative Reading is about sparking the imagination to “believe in the possibility that all things can change and grow.” And then hold a vision for what you would LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN and the best possible outcome you can IMAGINE HAPPENING for Lauren. Keep in mind these words from Thomas Hardy as you read...*

“If a way to the better there be, it extracts a full look at the worst.”

Question One

The past eight weeks were meant to inspire you to think about life for yourself, others, and the natural world in new and curative ways and show you just how connected your own personal health and wellbeing is to others as well as the natural world. Did you have a vision for your health and wellbeing at the start of these eight weeks? If so, how did it evolve? Has your life, or vision for your future life, changed in some way? If so, write a line or two about that just for yourself. You don't have to share it but you can if you would like to.

Chapter 28

In our week 7 Sunday session we had mixed understanding of why Frida wrote the essay she did and whether the things she said about Lauren were true or not. What are your thoughts about the letter now? Why did Frida write it?

Pg. 284... Lauren says this about herself and Frida “Our kind of grief waited on revision.” What does this line mean to you? What kind of revision do you think Lauren or Frida need for their grief?

Chapter 29

We see evidence of true tenderness and love for Lauren in this chapter? Who is it coming from?

Do you see signs of Lauren's unresolved grief from her parent's deaths in this chapter? If so, write a line or two about this.

Chapter 30

Frida and Lauren finally get to connect after the festival and have a real conversation about Siri. Frida says this about Siri, “She wasn’t afraid of sadness in people.” Was there a place in the story where you saw signs of this in Siri? If so, go back and reread a bit of that section in the story and underline it.

What does your imagination tell you happened to Siri’s mother?

Chapter 31

Lauren says and does things in this chapter that represent a huge turning point for her and her grief. Select a line that most demonstrates this for you.

Chapter 32

Pg 311 Magnus tells Lauren this about Siri... “I promised her at the end I’d help you see.” What is he helping Lauren to see and how does he do this?

Chapter 33

Describe the lights that Lauren saw when she got to the top of the dune. Name some of the colors and details that stand out in your mind’s eye.

Select a line from the story that helps you believe in a way through complicated grief.

Think back on all the references to the natural world, nature, light, water, sun etc. in our story. Find a passage that is your favorite. Underline it, write it down, and reflect on it to take it in as your own curative remedy.