

Red Leaves Falling: Questions to the Story

Below are some suggested questions you may want to ask after reading the storybook or viewing the animation.

- What are your impressions on the story? How does it make you feel?
- What was the story about?
- Do you think the story "Red Leaves Falling" happens in real life? Do you think it is possible for this to happen in Denmark? Why or why not?
- Who were the main characters and what role did they play?
- If you were a character in the story, who would you be? Why?
- What was your first impression of the father (Frank Smith) who was telling a bedtime story to his daughter? Did your opinion of him change at the end of the animation?
- Who were the other members of Ruby's family? How did each member of Ruby's family treat each other?
- What kind of family do you think they have? How did Ruby's family situation contribute to her and Dawn being trafficked?
- The children in the animation are all still dependent on Mother. Do you think Mother is capable of protecting her children all by herself? What does she need to be able to protect her children? Does the absence of Ruby's father have any significance in this story?
- Instead of asking her other siblings, why did Ruby ask Dawn to look after the house? What does this say about Ruby and Dawn's role in their family?
- Would you say that Ruby is a neglected child? Why or why not?
- How would you describe the relationship between Ruby and Dawn compared to Ruby's relationship with her brothers? What does this say about the differences in expectations between male and female children?
- Describe Ruby's character. What does her disobedience and desire to take her exam say about her character?
- Who were the people who exploited Ruby and Dawn? What would their motives be to do what they do? What do you think about their personal background and life story?
- Would you count their mother as one of the people who exploited Ruby and Dawn? Why or why not?
- In the beginning of the story, what were the things that made Ruby susceptible to being trafficked?
- What are the main differences between Ruby's situation and the typical situation for a child at the same age in Denmark? What are the similarities? How will this influence the risk of being trafficked or abused?
- What were scenes you clearly remember? Why were they significant?

- If you were in Ruby's place, what would you do if your mother told you that you had to go and work for "Joe"?
- Although the father (Frank Smith) in the beginning of the story never touched but only viewed Ruby, do you think he did something wrong to her? Why or why not? Do you think this father did something wrong to his daughter? Why or why not?
- Who has the main responsibility for fighting child sex trafficking and child pornography?
- What can we do to make the life of children safer and reduce the risk of trafficking and sexual abuse?
- Notice the presence of red leaves in the background of different scenes. Do you see them being significant? Why do you think the title of the film is "Red Leaves Falling"?
- The story is told in an animation – not a traditional film. Is this the best solution? Why or why not?