

GABY, LOST AND FOUND

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION AND WRITING PROMPTS

Gaby, Lost and Found | Discussion Questions

- The novel is called “Gaby, Lost and Found.” In what ways is Gaby “lost” and “found”?
- Alma figures out a way to influence the other students to vote for the Furry Friends Animal Shelter over the City Harvest Center. Can you think of some other convincing arguments for the Furry Friends Animal Shelter? Imagine you are a student in the class who wants to go to the City Harvest Center, what would your *contrasting* argument be to encourage students to vote for the City Harvest Center?
- Gaby and her sixth grade class come up with several ways to help Dr. Villalobos find forever homes for all the animals at the shelter, can you brainstorm some more creative ideas to help the dogs and cats find homes?
- In the novel, Gaby is bullied by a couple of older students. Who are these bullies? What actions do they take that are considered “bullying” to you. Why do you think they bully Gaby? How does Gaby respond to this bullying? In your opinion, how should Gaby respond?
- Throughout the novel, there are several adoption announcements for the dogs and cats at the shelter written by Gaby. If you had to pick a pet from Furry Friend Animal Shelter to take home, which one would you choose? Why?
- In the novel, Gaby’s mom left her home country of Honduras to come to the United States for a better life when she was very young. Why did she leave Honduras? What emotions are expressed about her leaving Honduras and her journey to the United States? Can you think of some reasons that would motivate someone to make the big decision to leave their country permanently and come to the United States?

Gaby, Lost and Found | Individual Writing Prompts

- Gaby is embarrassed to go to the City Harvest Center. Write in your own words a brief paragraph explaining why Gaby did not want her class project to be at the City Harvest Center. Write about a time you were embarrassed to go somewhere, how you felt, and the ways you tried to get out of going.
- Alma seems to know Gaby's personal secrets and keeps them safe. In other words, Alma has Gaby's back! In chapter 15, on the bus, what did Alma do to save Gaby from being found out? Why did that work? Write about a time when you had your close friend's "back" or when your friend had yours.
- In chapter 4, Gaby volunteers to write descriptive profiles of the pets at the shelter. She's concerned that there are not enough 'words', not enough adverbs and adjectives to describe the cute dogs and cats. *Create a list of verbs, adjectives and adverbs* you would use to describe a pet of your choice. Use the adoption announcements from the novel as examples.