

Blaire: Girl of the Year Discussion Questions

Who was your favorite character and what was your favorite scene? Why?

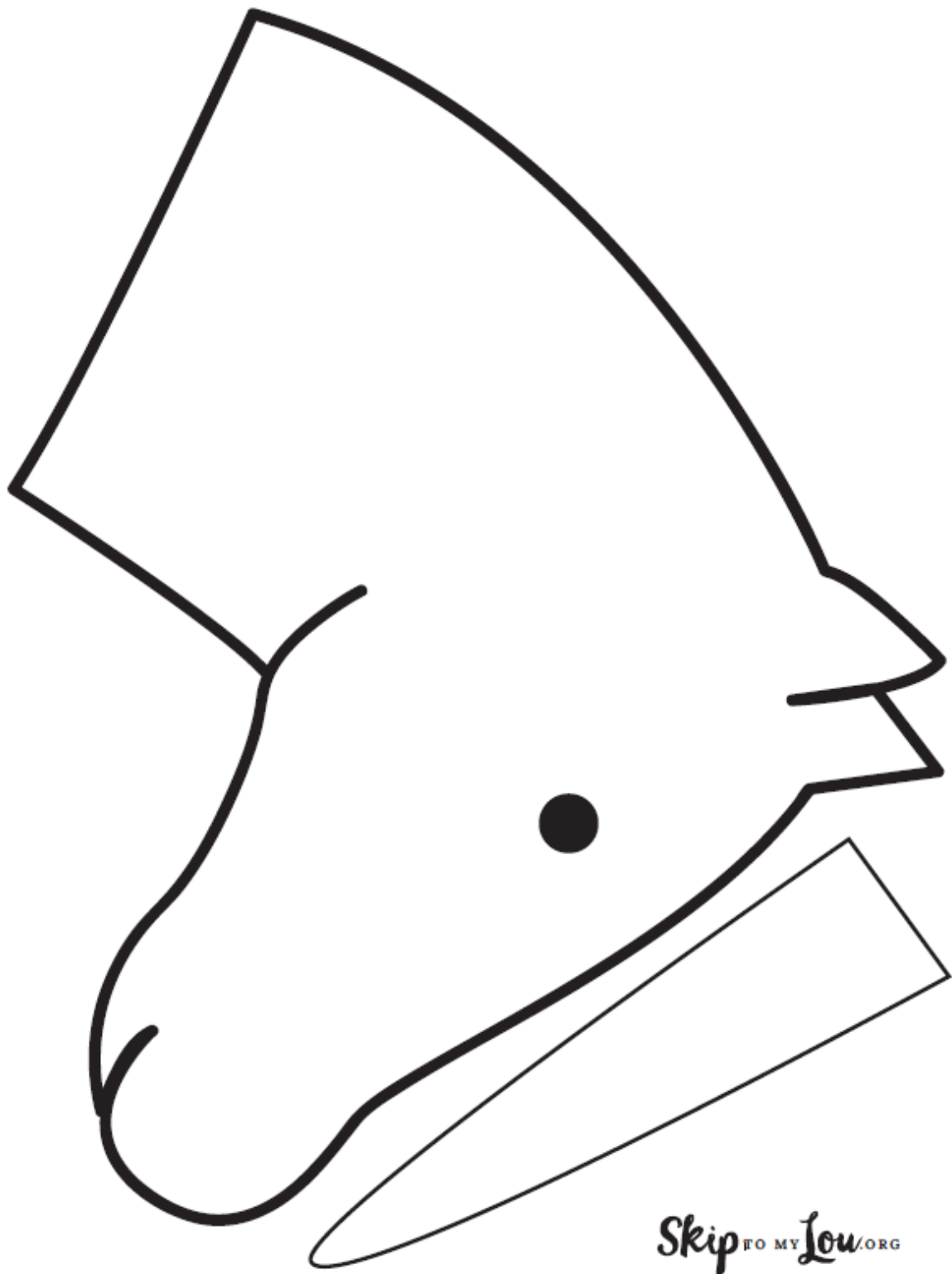
- 1) Where does Claire live and whom does she live with?
- 2) Why is Blaire not excited about cooking or hanging out with her friends for most of the book? How do you think she handled her “new normal”?
- 3) Who are Cat and Gabe? How does Blaire help them throughout the book?
- 4) Blaire and Thea have a hard time connecting through most of the story. Whose point of view did you agree with more and why?
- 5) Why was it so important to Blaire to have the wedding at the Farm?
- 6) Who did you think had the best wedding ideas and why?
- 7) How did Blaire help with Mrs. V?
- 8) How did the wedding turn out?
- 9) What surprised you about this story? How did it rank with other American Girl Books you have read?

Kaya: Ghost Wind Stallion Discussion Questions

1. What was your favorite event or scene from this book?
2. “The Ghost Wind Stallion” explores the bond between sisters. How is the relationship between Kaya and Sleeping Rain similar or different compared to Tall Branch and their mother?
3. What does Kaya see when Speaking Rain is sleepwalking?
4. How does Speaking Rain’s dream relate to what she wants to do with her life?
5. What is Kaya’s first impression of Tall Branch? What moments caused tension between Kaya and Tall Branch?
6. How do these moments make Kaya feel? How does Kaya’s mom try to help her understand?
7. It can be hard to be patient with someone like Tall Branch. How would you respond to someone who is judging you unfairly? How does Kaya learn to be more patient and understanding towards Tall Branch’s behavior?
8. Speaking Rain is blind, but what other senses do we see being stronger in her than most people? What do we learn about Speaking Rain when the girls first encounter Ghost?
9. How did Kaya and Tall Branch finally find peace with one another?
10. How are Kaya and Sleeping Rain similar to how others view Ghosts, both positively and negatively?
11. Overall, did you like the story? How did you feel about the ending? What “The Ghost Wind Stallion” a good title for the book?



Cut out each butterfly and decorate. Punch small hole near head, thread ribbon through and tie ribbon. Now you're ready to display!



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Ghost Stallion Craft



Materials:

- 1 Pre-cut horse head, hole punched 10-15 times for the mane, twice for the tuft.
- 22 pieces of yarn (15 inches each)
- 12 multi-colored beads
- Crayons

Directions:

1. Color the horse head as you wish.
2. Take a piece of yarn and fold it in half. The end with the loop, push through one of the holes on the mane.
3. When the loop is through enough to put your finger into it, grab the two loose ends of the yarn, bring them over the neck (not through the hole like the loop) and put them through the loop.
4. Pull the loose ends until the loop is holding the two sides of yarn tight against the neck.
5. Repeat #4 with all the holes down the horse's neck
6. For the tuft on the horse's forehead, cut a piece of yarn in half. Now fold one of those pieces in half and put it through the hole like you did on the neck holes. Use the other short piece of yarn and do the same in the last hole.
7. If the tuft is too long, you may need to trim it. To make it bushier, separate the smaller strands in the yarn and splay them out.
8. Add beads as you see fit to the mane.

