

Kaya: The Journey Begins Discussion Questions

Who was your favorite character & why? What was your favorite scene or event?

- 1) What is Kaya's horse's name? What does Kaya want to do with him? How does her first "race" go?
- 2) Why do all the kids start calling Kaya Magpie? What happens when one child disobeys?
- 3) What happened when Kaya and Speaking Rain went to find Grandma's knife? What did you think was going to happen?
- 4) What happened the night of the enemy raid? Why were the girls captured? How did Kaya & Speaking Rain react? What did they think would happen?
- 5) What was life like for the girls at the enemy camp? What did they spend their time doing? Who was Two Hawks?
- 6) When Kaya and Two Hawks escape how does he treat her? What do you think you would have done?
- 7) How does Kaya find the buffalo trail in the snow? Who does she find?
- 8) Who is Swan Circling? Why does Kaya like her? Why doesn't she want to tell Swan Circling about her mistakes?
- 9) What is Two Hawks life like back in Nimiipuu (nee-MEE-poo) country? Who helps him adjust to life there?
- 10) What happens when Swan Circling rode to get medicine for the baby? What did Swan Circling leave for Kaya? How did it make her feel?

No Sew Drawstring Bag

Supplies:

- Cloth/felt circle the size of a large paper plate
- Yarn (at least 24 inches)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Optional: pony beads
- Optional: sharpie markers

1. Using your thumb to give you a buffer from the edge, make a "1" at 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock (think about a clock face). Then make a "-" at 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock. Make marks halfway between those marks (keeping a thumb's width in from the edge). Then make marks halfway between THOSE marks (for a total of 16 marks). It will kind of look like the tick marks on a clock, just in different places.



2. Fold one of your marks in half so you can still see half of it. Very carefully cut a slit with the mark as your guide. **DO NOT CUT ALL THE WAY TO THE EDGE.**
3. Repeat this with all the tick marks.
4. Using your yarn, feed one end through a slit. Then come up through the slit next to it. Use this up down pattern all the way around the circle.
5. If you used 16 slits, you will need to feed the yarn through the first cut again (it will then have 2 pieces of yarn in that slit) so the yarn ends are both on the same side of the cloth.
6. Pull the yarn tight, causing the cloth to close and form a pouch.
7. Now re-flatten it to decorate your pouch using the beads and/or sharpies as you see fit.
8. Last, cut the yarn to a length of your choice. Just remember to leave enough that when you open the pouch, the yarn does not come completely out of the slits.