

TO THINK ABOUT AND TALK ABOUT IN  
*THIS SEAT'S SAVED*

1. Elita realizes there are two middle school rules she thinks guarantee popularity: have the right phone and choose the right elective. What are some unofficial “rules” of popularity in your school?
2. Elita tells the reader her two favorite sounds are “the hooting of an owl and the way the wind sounds in the trees at night.” What are two of your favorite sounds?
3. Elita has a unique *signature sandwich*—melted cheese and sliced tomato with fresh dill, while her mother likes turkey and mustard on rye. Do you have a signature sandwich?
4. In your opinion, do Margo and Kee intend to hurt Elita’s feelings and exclude her? Why or why not?
5. Elita tries to define popularity after she sees Mr. Dale’s poster on hypotheses. How would you define popularity, and why was it so important to Elita?



6. Elita feels most like herself when she's in the woods. Where do you feel most like yourself?
7. Elita often talks about things that give her "cozy feelings" or put her in a "cozy mood." What causes you to feel "cozy"?
8. Do you have a favorite teacher you admire like Mr. Dale Robinson, Mrs. Crisp, or Mrs. Harlow?
9. Stephen and Allie love the Math Team, and other students love Nature Club or the Fashion Design elective. What is your ideal club to join?
10. Why do you think Stephen doesn't want anyone to know he goes to see the school counselor?
11. What do you think would have helped Lindsay Myers with her jealousy?
12. Did Elita do the right thing in the woods when Lindsay fights with her? How else could she have handled the situation?
13. What does it mean to be seated with Christ? Is it easy for you to picture it?
14. Do you think God sent the fox to Elita?
15. Elita loves her bedtime routine. What is your bedtime routine?
16. Why do you think it was so hard for Elita to talk to her mom?

17. What did you think about the last scene in the lunchroom when Elita calls other people to come sit with her? Could you imagine doing this in your own school?
18. Which quote do you like more and why? "Every rejection is God's protection," or "All seats provide equal viewing of the universe."
19. Elita learns to pray and read her Bible by the end of the book. What do you think prayer is? What is the Bible, and what makes it different from an ordinary book?
20. How will knowing about being seated with Christ help Elita after middle school? How do you imagine her life after graduating from Siler Middle School?

