

April Raintree Chapters 8-10

These chapters focus on life after foster care. April chooses a marriage that promises economic and social security. Cheryl becomes actively involved with the Friendship Centre to reach out to other Aboriginal youth who need help to find their way. Here are some questions to guide the thinking through this part of the story. As always, you need to actually READ THE BOOK. You need to write in complete sentences and PROVIDE PAGE NUMBERS and quotes to support your answers.

- 1) April enters into a marriage that promises economic and social security, because she craves stability. Yet, the marriage fails. What are the factors that contribute to the failure of the marriage? How does this experience change April in either a positive or negative way?
- 2) Cheryl's activism in support of First Nations and Métis peoples is often regarded as a positive outcome of her early introduction to Aboriginal issues through her education. From your experience and knowledge, would you say that her education has been adequate? How has the representation of Aboriginal issues in school changed? What do you think is still needed to provide an unbiased portrayal of Aboriginal history and culture?