Discussion Prompts

Chapter 1. A Forest in Peril

1. What surprised you most about the challenges facing Presqu'ile's forest?
2. Have you ever noticed signs of invasive species or tree diseases in your own community?
3. Why do you think forests are often described as "ecosystems" rather than just collections of trees?

Chapter 2. The Nursery & Seeds

4. The video explains that seeds from Presqu'ile are best suited to Presqu'ile's climate. Why do you think local plants are so important for restoration?
5. Have you ever grown a plant from seed? What did you learn from that experience?
6. What kinds of seeds do you see most often in your neighbourhood?

Chapter 3. The Humble Acorn

7. What did you find most interesting about how acorns are selected?
8. Why do you think so many animals rely on acorns and other nuts for food?
9. How does learning about weevils change the way you think about life inside a forest?

Chapter 4. Sowing the Seeds

10. What challenges do you think young trees face in the wild that they don't face in a nursery?
11. Why might deer have such a big impact on forest regeneration?
12. Have you ever seen protective cages or guards around young trees in parks or along trails?

Chapter 5. The Planting Process

13. What factors would you consider when choosing where to plant a tree?
14. Why do you think planting trees close together helps them grow tall?
15. What kinds of trees do you think would thrive in your own neighbourhood?

Chapter 6. Growing a Bright Future

16. The video mentions the "sleep, creep, leap" pattern of tree growth. How does this compare to other things in nature—or even in our own lives—that take time to develop?
17. Why is long-term care important after planting a tree?
18. What small actions can a community take to support local forests and green spaces?

Extra Reflection Questions

19. What part of the video made you feel hopeful?
20. What part made you feel concerned?
21. How might our community get involved in protecting or restoring local ecosystems?