

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Sparrow Girl by Sara Pennypacker

1. At the beginning of the story, Ming-Li is told that the sparrows are China's enemies. Why did China "declare war" on the birds?
2. Why did the farmers believe that getting rid of sparrows would help their crops? Why did Ming-Li disagree with their plan?
3. Older Brother says: "Our Leader's plans are always perfect. They told us at school." Do you think this is a smart way of thinking about things?
4. How would getting rid of an organism, such as a sparrow, affect the food chain?
5. How did you feel when you learned that all of the noise didn't just frighten the birds and scare them off (as planned) but killed them instead?
6. What did Ming-Li do to change Older Brother's mind about saving the sparrows?
7. How did Ming-Li and Older Brother show bravery?
8. How did getting rid of the sparrows affect the farmers' grain?
9. What lessons did you learn from reading this book?
10. How did you feel at the end of the book?

