

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba by Margarita Engle
Discussion questions were written by Katherine Whitbeck and her ESL students from Nacogdoches High School in Nacogdoches ISD.

1. Who is Fredrika Bremer (The Foreign Lady), and what is her background?
2. What is her purpose for visiting Cuba?
3. Who is Elena? Describe her, her background and the expectations for her.
4. Who is Cecilia, where is she from and why is she in Cuba?
5. What skill does Cecilia have that Elena does not?
6. How are Fredrika, Elena, and Cecelia free, and how are they enslaved?
7. What are the cocuyos and what do they symbolize?
8. What is the difference between the dancing at the Ball for Free Blacks and the dancing in front of the barracoons?
9. Describe the event Fredrika witnesses at the beach at night, and explain why it distresses her.
10. What the plan Elena devises that gives all three women hope for the future?



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