

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

The Red Necklace by *Sally Gardner*

1. On page 11, the author describes the living conditions in Paris during the Revolution. What gains have we made since that time that make life easier?
2. Sido is sent away to live at a convent after her mother dies. How do you think her life and her personality might be different if she had stayed with her father?
3. How do you feel about the author's description of death on page 43?
4. There is much debate throughout the book about human rights. Cite examples from the text from both the aristocracy and the peasantry, and put yourself in these characters' shoes. How might you feel if you were a part of the aristocracy during this time? How would you feel if you were a peasant?
5. How does the author develop the character of the villain Count Kalliovski?
6. As the dwarf is dying, he gives Yann the advice "Life is life." What do you think he means by this?
7. Why do you think Yann loses his powers with the death of Tetu?
8. Yann sees Orlenda, the fortune teller, and is told that his future love could be the death of them both. How does this prophecy ring true?
9. How do you feel about the quote from page 199 that says, "Do you think we're simply puppets in the hands of destiny, or do we have the power to change our fate?"
10. Describe your feelings about the conclusion to the story. Would you have changed anything if you were the author?

