

Slow Camino

My South American Classroom **Book Discussion Guide *for families and classrooms***

What would you put in your backpack for a year of travel?

If you were Oliver, how would you feel about spending a year away from home?

Think about one of your friends – how did you become friends? What if you didn't speak the same language as them? Would you still be able to be friends?

What kind of problems do explorers have to deal with? Do you ever deal with those kind of problems?

If you walked in front of a cow that looked like it wanted to run you over, what would you do?

What is a chore or task that you can do without the help of grownups?

How do you feel when you know your friends are doing something fun but you're not there?

How many languages can you speak? Are you learning any languages? What's something you know how to say that language?

In the book, Oliver is sometimes afraid to speak Spanish in front of people he doesn't know. It feels like there is a rock in his throat. Do you ever get that feeling? What do you do when it happens?

What was the last field trip that you took? How would you feel if every day was a field trip?

Have you ever had something bad happen while you're on a trip? What did you do? What did your family members do? What happened in the end?

What was your favorite part of the book?

Are there any places that Oliver and his family visited that you would like to visit?

What could you learn from visiting a place in person that you couldn't learn from a book?