The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer

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Discussion Questions:

1. In the Wishing Spell, siblings Conner and Alex Bailey receive a fairy-tale book as a gift from their grandmother, and they must identify the life lessons contained within the stories for a school project. Think about some of your favorite fairy tales (and fairy tale characters). What lessons do you think are present in those fairy tales?
2. In the Wishing Spell, the character of Froggy serves as a guide for Conner and Alex on their adventure. What is the importance of Froggy in the book and why is having a guide through this magical world so important for Conner and Alex’s journey and development?
3. Conner and Alex must work together as a team to succeed in the Land of Stories. What about Conner and Alex’s relationship and teamwork is so important to their success inside the Land of Stories? If you were in their shoes, would you rather travel with a friend, a sibling, or an adult and why?
4. What was your first impression of the Evil Queen in the book? What did you think of her character after reading chapters from her perspective and hearing her backstory?
5. Think about the quest Conner and Alex are on to complete the Wishing Spell. If you had the ability to have any one wish granted, what wish would that be and why?
6. What do you Conner and Alex’s individual strengths are? How do their different personalities help or hinder their progress throughout The Wishing Spell?
7. Which of the various kingdoms described in The Land of Stories (Northern Kingdom, Charming Kingdom, etc.) was most interesting to you and why?
8. Think about the twin’s grandmother reveal at the end of the book, and how you think Conner and Alex’s family history will play a part in book 2.

Book Project

If you could drop into one of your favorite classic fairy tales, which story would you choose and why?