

Native American Literature
Discussion Questions

***Hidden Roots* by Joseph Bruchac**

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1. What is the tribal culture and landscape, as well as cultural specifics of the people, as portrayed in *Hidden Roots*?
2. How have past and present lives of the Abenaki people been impacted by federal and state Indian policies?
3. What is the most significant conflict in the novel? How or when is it resolved?
4. Why is Howard's father angry and sometimes abusive? Is his anger justified?
5. How has Howard changed from the beginning of the novel to the end?
6. Identify episodes that may contradict popular stereotypes of Indians.
7. Identify a line or section that demonstrates insight or wisdom.
8. Why has Uncle Louis kept his relationship to Howard a secret?
9. How does the Author's Note expand the reader's understanding of the novel?