

## Classroom Study Questions

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### *The Path to the Sun* Chapters 1-3

1. In the opening scene, Kiran is standing on a ledge, about to jump. What's happening in this scene?
  2. What is the stigma with which Kiran is burdened?
  3. What dire situation do the villagers face? How do the Elders think it will be solved?
  4. How did you feel at the end of the Temple scene when Kiran is standing alone, with no one there for him?
  5. What is Kiran's relationship with Aldwyn? Why does Aldwyn choose Kiran for the quest?
  6. Why is Kiran reluctant to go?
  7. Near the end of chapter three, Kiran looks to the sky and asks, "Why me?" There is no answer. Why is this a significant moment?
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## Chapters 4-8

8. What is the catalyst for the fight in the cave?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. To what document is the Script similar?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What do you think about the group using the Script of the Legend as a navigational guide?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Create a T-chart comparing the personal goals as well as the perspective on the quest of Roh and Bria.

## Chapters 9-16

12. Why is Kiran so fascinated by Manu-amatu's staff?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What does Kiran think when he sees the pit fall and realizes there is no monster?



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14. Using a Venn diagram, show how Jandon's relationship with Takhura compares his behavior with the values of the Torans.

15. On the river, why is Kiran so adamant that they not drink the water?

16. Find three sentences that show what Kiran learned from the Lendhi and Manu-amatu.


### **Chapters 17-22**

17. How does the Guardian draw in his followers?

18. What makes the Kingdom of the Kotari a cult?

19. Why is Kail drawn in so easily?

20. Kalindria tells Kiran, "Listen to your heart." Why is this significant?



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21. Kiran is devastated the morning after having sex with Bria. He feels they have committed the ultimate sin, yet this is the catalyst for leaving the cult. Why?

### **Chapters 23-30**

22. What causes Deke's death?

23. There is a shift in leadership when Kiran takes charge. What causes this change?

24. Kiran demonstrates attributes of a survivor. What are they?

25. How does the rape of Bria impact Kiran mentally? Spiritually?

26. What burden does Roh's act of self-sacrifice put on Kiran? Does it change Kiran's decisions/perspective from then on?

27. Why does Kiran free the headhunter?

28. Aurora tells Kiran he has the character of a great leader. Do you agree? What attributes define a leader?

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29. Kiran assumes Aurora “has all the answers” because she “carries a magic stone.” Why?

30. Why does Bria stay in the Weikaito forest?

### **Chapters 31-34**

31. What does Kiran realize when he sees the puppet show?

32. Why does Kiran throw his codex into the fire?

33. Artus tells Kiran, “People see what they want to see. That’s what believin’ is.” Is that true?

34. At the end of Chapter 33, Kiran jumps off the ledge he had contemplated in the opening scene. What does this symbolize and how is it different now?

35. In the scroll room, what is Aldwyn trying to tell Kiran?

36. In the final scene, what does Kiran finally realize? What do you think will be the consequence of his decision?