

Royal & Ancient Discussion Questions

1. ONE-WORD REVIEW: Start off with your one-word review of the book or a section of the book.
2. MOST MEMORABLE SCENE: What was the most pivotal, humorous, eye-opening, or simply memorable moment in the novel? What about that scene struck you?
3. THE OVER-ARCHING LIES BRONWYN AND IAIN TOLD THEMSELVES: What major goal in life did each of them have? Why were those goals not realistic?
4. FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS: Describe Bronwyn's relationship with her father. What type of relationships did Iain have with his father, mother, sister, brothers, and uncle? Was family loyalty important to both Bronwyn and Iain?
5. CHARACTER ARC: Describe the maturing process that takes place for Bronwyn and Iain, both individually and in their relationship. How does that lay the foundation for their future together?
6. ENGLAND'S DISTAIN OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Why was Catholicism banned in Scotland in the 1600s? Why did some Scottish lairds refuse to take the oath swearing allegiance to King William? Gregor MacDonald put his life at risk by continuing to practice the Catholic faith. Was it worth it?
7. THE VILLIANS: Why was Lynsey interested in Bronwyn? Was Alec justified in his reasoning that he'd been wronged by his father? Even though it was never determined which clan turned on the MacDonald clan, what would have been the motivation for the Campbell clan to betray the MacDonald clan?
8. THE VICTIMS: Who would you guess was behind the Glencoe Massacre? Do you believe that Iain had the leadership abilities to lead the MacDonald clan at such a young age? Would the victims of the massacre be candidates for sainthood?
9. FAITH: If you had to choose between swearing an oath of allegiance to a king and turning your back on your faith or remaining loyal to your faith and facing persecution, what would you do?
10. TIME TRAVEL: If you were Bronwyn, and had a choice between living life in the 1600s with the man of your dreams, or returning to a life in modern times with no guarantee that you'd ever find your true love, what would you do?