

Awaken My Heart

Questions

1. Marianne takes great pride in being the only one who can control Diablo. Why do you think she worked so hard to tame the stallion?
2. Why do you think Armando has devoted his life to helping the people of La Flor?
3. What character in the story shares similar traits with Diablo? Why?
4. Armando desires to be a noble man and put others before himself, but what is his biggest obstacle?
5. Marianne risks her life to save her mother. Do you think she really understood the gravity of her decision? Why or why not?
6. Armando is confused by his new feelings for Marianne. He feels his heart has betrayed him. What happened in his past to confirm that?
7. Marianne and her father argue frequently. Why do you think this happens?
8. Armando and Marianne admit their love, but the social and political environment of the day frowns on their relationship. Forbidden love often drives two people together, but what is the true test of love?
9. Although Marianne does not love the don, she plans to marry him out of obedience to her parents and to try to forget Armando. Did you find this a strength or a weakness on her part?
10. Weston Phillips is a hard man to understand, perhaps an even harder man for his wife and daughter to love. Do you have people like him in your life? How do you manage the relationship?
11. Marianne loved Armando and the people of La Flor. When she warned them about her father's plan, what risk was she taking?