

Discussion Questions

for

The Smoke: Tales From a Revolution - New-York

Chapters 1-5

- What is the dilemma faced by the People as the American colonists and their British antagonists go to war?
- How are the Iroquois viewed by the militiamen?
- How does the fate of the scouting party illustrate the dangers they are operating under?
- What views are the different sides in the argument at the tribal conclave advocating?

Chapters 6-10

- What fuels Joseph's misgivings about the attack on an Iroquois village?
- How does Ginawo represent himself and his village to the Americans?
- What is the impact on Joseph and Howe of Ginawo's speech?

Chapters 11-15

- How does Joseph's conversation with Ginawo contrast with his interaction with his fellow soldiers?
- How does Joseph's care for the Indians drive Ginawo's actions when the dynamic between Indian and colonist suddenly shifts?
- How does the treatment of Joseph's arm under Jiwaneh's care compare to the medical care he was offered by the militia?

Chapters 16-20

- What does the discovery at the village do to Joseph's standing with the Skarure?
- How does the change in Joseph's role among the villagers result from his earlier interactions with Ginawo?
- How is Jotepu's rebirth into the clan symbolic of his rebirth into the People?

Chapters 21-25

- What universal behavior does Jiwaneh's news for Ginawo reveal?
- How is the concept of honor among the Haudenosaunee illustrated in the course of the game against the Oneida?
- How does the remembrance ceremony echo European practices, and how does it differ?

Chapters 26-30

- How does the return of the militia affect Jotepu?
- What does the reaction of his family and friends do to inform Joseph's decision?
- How did the Haudenosaunee affect the course of the Revolution, and how did the Revolution affect the Haudenosaunee?