Morning Girl by Michael Dorris
Supplemental Resource
Grades 3 and Up

Chapter 1
a. Why does Morning Girl's family call her Morning Girl?
b. What does Morning Girl’s happy fantasy toward the end of the chapter tell you about her?

Chapter 2
a. Who gives Star Boy his name and why does he call him “Star Boy?”
b. What was Star Boy’s old name and how do you think he feels about the name change?

Chapter 3
a. What do you think Morning Girl means when she says, “In our house, Star Boy was the footprints?” (page 14)
b. What can you infer happened to the baby Mother was carrying?
c. What makes Morning Girl feel better at the end of chapter 3?

Chapter 4
a. Why was Star Boy hiding among the rocks?
b. Who took the blame for his mistake and what does this tell you about Star Boy’s relationship with his family?

Chapter 5
a. What does Morning Girl want to discover about herself?
b. How does her father help her?
c. What does this tell you about Morning Girl’s relationship with her father?

Chapter 6
a. What experience does Star Boy have during the hurricane?
b. In what ways was this a spiritual experience?

Chapter 7
a. What does Star Boy do to embarrass himself and his family?
b. How does Morning Girl rescue him from this embarrassment?
c. How do you know that he is grateful to her?
Chapter 8
a. Which three people made Star Boy angry?
b. What did Star Boy learn from being by himself outside during the night?

Chapter 9
a. Why did Morning Girl think a conch shell would be a good gift for Star Boy?
b. Describe the strangers Morning Girl meets.

Epilogue
a. What did Christopher Columbus think of the people on the island?
b. How do you think life on the island might change after Columbus and his men spend some time there?
c. Columbus describes Morning Girl’s people as poor. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your thinking.

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