Discussion Questions for *Twice Upon a Time: Rapunzel, The One with All the Hair* by Wendy Mass

Rapunzel is locked in a tower (without a hairbrush!) and Prince Benjamin is coping with his parents’ strict rules; both are trapped—in very different ways. It’s only when their paths cross, that things really start to change.

1. If you knew you were going to be locked in a tower like Rapunzel, what ten things would you bring in your trunk?

2. As Prince Benjamin spends time with Elkin, he realizes he misjudged him. List some of the ways that Elkin surprises Benjamin.

3. How is Prince Benjamin similar to an average teenager? Do you think modern day princes are similar to average teenagers, too? Why or why not?

4. Even though he isn’t trapped in a tower like Rapunzel, Prince Benjamin is “trapped” by strict rules. Provide examples of why you know he feels trapped.

5. The King teaches Benjamin and Elkin lessons to help them become responsible and to act royally. Do you think these skills will help Benjamin become a good king? Explain why or why not.

6. Why do you think Rapunzel insists that Steven escape first even though it means she might not escape?

7. Why do you think the author tells this story from two different points of view? Compare it to another book written from more than one point of view.

8. How does Andrew prove that he is a very good friend to Prince Benjamin?

9. How do Rapunzel and Benjamin rescue each other?

10. How does going to the village change Prince Benjamin?

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