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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the chapter "A Scarf Full of Memories" (pages 42-47), Mimi shares her memories of being a young woman in the city with Reenie. What do we learn about Mimi's past in this chapter?
2. In the chapter "How To Be a Teenager" (pages 84-89), Gwen introduces Reenie to some of her favourite musical artists. Choose one of the groups that Gwen admires to research. Write a brief biography of your chosen group, including the names of the members, the years they were together as a band, and some of their hit songs.
3. Who is your favourite musical artist or group? Why do you love their music?
4. Reenie loves Sandy Shores more than anything and describes her family's resort in loving detail. What part of Sandy Shores appeals to you the most and why?
5. Do you think Mimi made the right decision keeping Gwen's true identity a secret from her family? Why or why not?
6. Which of the characters in *Summer Days, Starry Nights* would you most want to be friends with? Why?
7. There are a lot of secrets in *Summer Days, Starry Nights*, some of them bigger than others. When is it okay to keep a secret? When is it important to share a secret with someone else?

Activities

1. Create a soundtrack to your life. Pick eight songs that represent different aspects of your life, such as important moments or people. List the song titles and the name of the artists, and explain in a sentence why you chose each song and what it represents.
2. Reenie looks forward to summer at Sandy Shores all year round. In a paragraph, describe your ideal summer. What would you do and why?
3. Create a brochure for Sandy Shores, enticing new visitors [or guests] to come and stay for the summer.
4. Mimi keeps objects as mementos of her past. Name one object that you have kept as a souvenir or a reminder of something that happened to you. Why is this object significant to you? What does it represent?