

# DEAR CANADA

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **A Rebel's Daughter**

#### **The 1837 Rebellion Diary of Arabella Stevenson**

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1. Based on Arabella's first diary entry, do you think she comes from a wealthy, middle-class or poor family? Why?
2. Why does Arabella have such a difficult time imagining her father as a rebel?
3. Why doesn't Arabella's mother want her to be friendly with the servants? What kind of person is her mother?
4. Who do you think is more of a mother to Arabella — her real mother or Sophie? Why?
5. What did Arabella learn about Sukey because of their fight? Have her feelings toward her changed?
6. Arabella likes stories about girls who are "bold and brave" and yet she doesn't think she's brave. What do you think? Is Arabella brave?
7. Do you think Arabella made the right decision about staying in Upper Canada and staying with the Harvards?