

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I Am Canada: Storm the Fortress By Maxine Trottier

1. When William is captured and taken inside Quebec, should he have given his word to remain a prisoner and not seek freedom? Why?
2. How might Vairon justify allowing William to escape?
3. Was William right or wrong in simply calling "Man overboard!" when he sees Blue Sam in the water? Explain why you think so.
4. If you were William, how would you feel about the possibility of facing your friend Vairon in battle?
5. What might have been Blue Sam's last thoughts as he waited to be executed?
6. Why do you think honour is so important to Mr. Cook?
7. Why does honour become equally important to William, in time?
8. What sorts of things might have happened to Boston Ben that caused him to become such a bitter man?
9. Given a choice, would you rather have been a soldier or a sailor in the eighteenth century? What are some of your reasons for this?
10. Was it fair for the bosun to flog two sailors who talked back to their officer? Why is respect for order so important onboard a ship?