

The Dreaded Cliff

Leaving Your Mark in the World



1. What does Flora add to the story of the ancestral packrat home so that she feels like she is a bigger part of its story? What do you think these things mean to Flora?



2. Think of your own family. Do you have any traditions, rituals or practices, or things (family heirlooms, photographs) that have been passed to your family from your ancestors? Have you or your family added or changed anything that makes what was passed down more meaningful to you? Think of things like birthday rituals, Christmas foods or trees or activities, summer activities, Halloween activities. If you can't think of anything, then make up an activity that you could share with your family or friends that would be meaningful to you—something you'd like to continue for a long time.

3. Think about all the “stories” you’ve collected in your life—objects, writings, and experiences connected with you. Which are important to you and why? Can those stories change as you get older? How? When is it important to share those stories with others?