Student Discussion Questions

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Virtual Book Read Out-Loud:

English: www.youtube.com/watch?v=25kkJCvQ25s
Spanish: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCkd6VBwmzK

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