

An American Child

1. Respond: Can you relate to Dillard's fears? Explain.

2.(a) Recall: Who else is in Dillard's room when the mysterious event occurs?

(b) Contrast: Why does that person not react to the event the same way Dillard does?

3.(a) Recall: What happens to the thing before it reaches Dillard?

(b) Analyze: Why does Dillard believe it cannot find her?

(c) Deduce: What is the real reason it cannot find her?

4.(a) Recall: What does Dillard finally figure out is the source of the event?

(b) Infer: After solving the mystery, Dillard sometimes pretends that she does not know the solution. Why?

5. Speculate: Why do you think Dillard chose to relate this particular childhood experience?