

## **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?