



NEW BEGINNINGS

AETERNUS POND SERIES - BOOK 5



EDUCATORS GUIDE

ABOUT THE BOOK



New Beginnings is the fifth book in the Aeternus Pond Series, where Gary, Sheldon, and Meadow discover that every ending can lead to a new beginning. As they embrace change and welcome new opportunities, the friends learn that courage, hope, and kindness can help them face an uncertain future with confidence.

Set in the peaceful world of Aeternus Pond, the story encourages young readers to appreciate nature while exploring themes of friendship, resilience, hope, and new beginnings.

This Educator's Guide enriches the reading experience through discussion questions, writing activities, and cross-curricular connections that support language arts, science, and social-emotional learning. Whether used in the classroom, library, homeschool, or at home, these resources encourage meaningful conversations and help students connect the story to the natural world and their own lives.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Edgar Ramirez is the author of the Aeternus Pond Series, a collection of middle grade novels celebrating friendship, courage, kindness, and an appreciation for the natural world. Through memorable animal characters and engaging adventures, he encourages young readers to discover that life's greatest lessons are often found in the friendships we build, the challenges we overcome, and the world around us.



Inspired by the beauty of nature, Edgar's stories encourage curiosity, compassion, and environmental stewardship while fostering meaningful conversations in the classroom, at home, and beyond. His goal is to create stories that entertain, inspire, and remind readers that every journey offers an opportunity to learn and grow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was your favorite character in *New Beginnings*, and what about them did you connect with?
2. Choose a character and describe how they responded to change. What qualities helped them embrace a new beginning?
3. What event in the story marked the beginning of a new chapter for the characters? Why was it an important turning point?
4. What do you think was the greatest challenge the friends faced as they entered a new beginning, and how would you have handled the situation differently?
5. Throughout the story, the characters discover that change is a natural part of life. How does the changing world around Aeternus Pond reflect this idea?
6. Describe a time when you experienced a new beginning, such as starting a new school year, making a new friend, or learning a new skill. What did

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

A NEW BEGINNING JOURNAL - *New Beginnings* reminds us that change can lead to exciting opportunities. Ask students to think about a new beginning in their own lives, such as starting a new school year, learning a new skill, joining a team, or making a new friend. Have them write a journal entry describing how they felt, what challenges they faced, and what they learned from the experience. Encourage students to share their reflections and discuss how new beginnings help us grow.

POND CHANGES THROUGH THE SEASONS - The natural world is always changing, just as the characters experience new beginnings. Have students research how a pond changes during each of the four seasons. Students should create a poster or slideshow illustrating what happens to the plants, animals, and environment during spring, summer, fall, and winter. Discuss how these seasonal changes help prepare wildlife for new beginnings each year.