



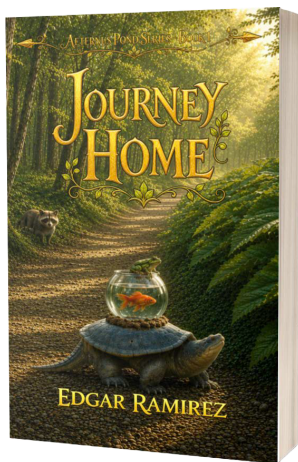
JOURNEY HOME

AETERNUS POND SERIES - BOOK 1



EDUCATORS GUIDE

ABOUT THE BOOK



Journey Home is the first book in the Aeternus Pond Series, introducing readers to Gary, Sheldon, and Meadow, three unlikely friends whose adventure teaches the importance of friendship, courage, perseverance, and belonging. Set in the peaceful world of Aeternus Pond, the story encourages young readers to appreciate nature while discovering that kindness, compassion, and teamwork can help overcome life's challenges.

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 and what about them did you connect with?
2. Choose a character and describe what characteristics they embody that you admire most.
3. What do readers learn about Meadow and Sheldon's personalities, during their first meeting with William the owl?
4. What do you think was the most difficult obstacle they had to overcome and how would you have approached it differently?
5. What evidence is there indicating how pollution has affected the pond and its inhabitants?
6. Describe a time when you needed help and you thought up a creative way to solve your problem.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

CHARACTER COLLAGE - When reading a new book, it can be helpful to keep track of the characters introduced throughout the story. A character collage is a good way to do this. Working in pairs, students should write down the names of the characters along with a brief description and their role in the story. This activity can be done with computers and internet clipart. Have the students search for images of how they think these characters might appear. Print and paste these onto a large piece of paper (or into PowerPoint or a similar computer program). Students should then label each character and find a quote about them from the book – either a description of the character or something they said. This line should be written underneath each character's picture. This activity is good for keeping the characters straight and can be a lot of fun when students start comparing their visualizations of the different characters.

LEARNING ABOUT POND LIFE - Create a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting each pond creature. Explain the differences between reptiles and amphibians, and the life cycles of each creature.