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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

HIDDEN FIGURES BY MARGOT LEE SHETTERLY

- 1) What do you take the book's title, Hidden Figures, to mean? What makes someone a hidden figure? Are there any hidden figures in your life?
- 2) Are the women who become "girl computers" held to a higher standard? Or do they hold themselves to one?
- 3) What role did other women play in the success and advancement of the characters in Hidden Figures? What role could you play to ensure the contributions of women in your circle of influence are encouraged?
- 4) In what ways does the race for space parallel the civil rights movement? What kinds of freedoms are being explored in each?
- 5) What practices in our current day remind you of the segregation in the book? Have you been treated unfairly because of your race and/or gender? Have you seen others treated unfairly, and if so, what did you do or say?
- 6) In Chapter 23 we learn that some thought spending money on space exploration was wasteful when there were so many other problems. Do you think the U.S. achieved a balance between innovation in space exploration and advancing the civil rights of all its citizens during this time period?
- 7) How did the end of World War II change working conditions in the U.S.?
- 8) What kind of technological advancements occurred as the space race heated up?
- 9) In what ways did the rise of computing and advancements in computing technology affect the girl computers?
- 10) Do stories like the ones told in Hidden Figures lead to changes in attitude? Why or why not?