

Discussion questions for [*Time Lost: Teenage Survivalist 2*](#) by Julie L. Casey

1. What were some of the themes throughout the story? How did those themes affect the story and help move it along? (Examples: time; money—Benjamins; the number 13; color—the blue of Sara’s eyes, her red coat, the grey surroundings when she died, etc.)
2. Ben felt like Time was his enemy through most of the story. At what point did his perception of Time begin to change and when was he able to come to terms with it?
3. How would you describe Ben’s personality? Is he shy, sensitive, and introverted or outgoing and gregarious? Does he confront problems head-on or try to avoid thinking about them? How does his personality type help to shape the story?
4. What did Aaron mean when he said, “Well now. Emancipation is something I know a little bit about”?
5. Why did Aaron call the homeless people in Swope Park “Lost Souls”?
6. Why did the Lost Souls prefer to live in the park instead of some of the many empty buildings and houses?
7. Why did Patrick hurl the knife at Sara?
8. What was the significance of color when Ben found Sara dying?
9. Why do you think both old Mr. Westcott and Sara have peaceful expressions on their faces when they died?
10. Why did Doug “borrow” the gun from the empty farmhouse?
11. How did Bracken’s family’s perception of Ben’s personality differ from Ben’s reality? (If you’ve already read *How I Became a Teenage Survivalist*.)
12. Ben felt like he couldn’t stay with Bracken’s family. Why is that? Why did he feel more comfortable living with his three friends?
13. What are the things Ben learned about life by the end of the story? How can you apply these words of wisdom to your own life?