

STANDING FOR SOCKS

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Questions for Discussion

1. Fara's dad tells her that her socks "deviate from the norm"? What are the pros and cons of deviating from the norm? How do you deviate from the norm?
2. Describe Fara's feelings about socks, and how they change as the book goes on. Have you ever felt something similar?
3. What would be your campaign platform if you ran for student council president?
4. Discuss your feelings toward Melodee. She is Fara's rival, but is she as bad as Fara and her friends think she is? Does she have some redeemable qualities?
5. Does Fara enjoy being famous? Would you like to be famous for something? If so, what would you like to be known for? If not, how come?
6. Fara and Jody know they aren't allowed any outside publicity, but they still plan the Sockinental Congress. Are they breaking the rules?
7. Discuss the scenes at the Sockinental Congress and the Sock Market. Would you like to attend? What problems would you present or solve?
8. What role does Zoe play in the story? How does she compare to Jody and Fara's other friends?
9. Did the ending of the story surprise you? If you were the author, who would have become student council president?
10. Describe your favorite moments from the book, including parts that made you laugh out loud and parts that made you angry or sad.
11. The book is filled with lots of puns on the word "sock": sock market, sock therapy, sock-ic, re-sock-ling... Can you think of any more?
12. Fara likes to stand for something and make a difference. Does what she stands for change as the book goes on? What do you stand for?