**Eleven**

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**Discussion Questions**

**1a**. Sam’s is turning eleven and he finds out his last name is not MacKenzie.

1b. What significance does the number eleven have in relation to Sam finding out where he came from and who he is?

**2a**. What learning problem does Sam deal with everyday?

2b. Why does he decide to become Caroline’s friend?

2c. Why does he need her help to solve the mystery of his identity?

**3a**. Where is the Thousand Islands?

3b. Why does Sam need to know where they are located?

3c. Where does Sam and Caroline first think the Thousand Islands are located?

**4a**. Why does Caroline tell Sam “Don’t think I’m going to be friends. I won’t be here long enough.”?

4b. What does Caroline’s mother and father do for a living?

**5a**. Did you like this book why or why not?

5b. Is there anything you would change about the ending of this book if you were the author? Would you keep it the same? Explain why.