

A Moveable Feast - Discussion Questions

1. What does the title 'A Movable Feast' mean in the context of this book? Discuss the significance of Hadley's comment, 'memory is hunger,' in relation to the title.
2. Hemingway devotes entire chapters to characterizing his friends. Which of his friends were difficult? What did friendship mean to him?
3. Discuss Hemingway's philosophy of writing and how his writing style reflects it. He mentions writing 'one true sentence' as his foundation.
4. Talk about Hemingway's relationship with food. How does hunger serve as both metaphor and motivation in the book?
5. How would you describe Hemingway's life during these Paris years? Was he content?
6. Discuss the tone of the book. Does it convey nostalgia or regret?
7. How does Hemingway portray Hadley? Do you think he regrets his treatment of her?
8. Compare Hemingway's portrayal of Hadley to Zelda Fitzgerald. How do these portrayals differ?
9. Is Hemingway as critical of himself as of others?
10. Discuss the significance of Hemingway using third person when describing Pauline.