

Baptism Of Fire



Give three reasons why this book is called 'Baptism of fire?'

Why were questions important to Hannah?

What do you think is the difference between fact, belief and faith?

What connections are there in this story between magic and religion?

What will Hannah will do with her life after the events described in *Baptism of Fire*?

List the similarities and differences between Ratu Rabete and Uncle Henry. What did you discover about them and their relationship?

Why was it difficult for a woman to be independent in Hannah's time?

What helped Hannah understand some of Uncle Henry's coldness towards her?

Why did Kurt Oslo and Uncle Henry dislike each other so much?

What did Merelita mean when she said, 'Some people have night of the mind.'

Why were the sailor, Jenkins, and Hannah friends?

How did living in Fiji change Hannah?

Name three things that caused a clash of cultures between the Fijians and missionaries?

What were the reasons Ratu Rabete gave for not becoming a Christian? Do you think they are logical, and why?

List five positive and negative points about missionaries making converts overseas during the 1800s.

Arrange a debate on the topic 'Missionaries should stay at home'.

Hannah wondered whether Uncle Henry's recovery was due to prayer, magic, his own will to survive, coincidence or a combination...' What do you think, and why?

Baptism of Fire is set in 1865. In that year, thinking globally, list six of each of these

- (a) famous people
- (b) medical procedures that are now obsolete
- (c) kings or queens
- (d) explorers
- (e) new inventions.

Write a page on what life was like for someone your age in 1865 in either Australia or another country. Then compare this to life in Fiji.

Compare *Baptism of Fire* with *Omega*. Although one novel is set in the past in Fiji and the other in the future on another planet, what similarities are there in the personalities and situations of Hannah and Shayla?