

Discussion Guide – Escape from the Past: The Duke’s Wrath

1. How does Max’s relationship with Bero change over time?
2. How do medieval table manners differ from today’s social etiquette?
3. Describe the effects of Belladonna?
4. How do Max’s and Bero’s outlook on life and death differ and why?
5. What is the socioeconomic structure of medieval Germany?
6. What is the most interesting takeaway from reading this novel?
7. Would you have acted differently than Max and if so what would you have done?
8. If you had to survive in the Middle Ages and you could take one item with you from present day, what would it be and why?
9. How do we romanticize the Middle Ages and why?
10. If there is one thing you truly despise about medieval living, what is it? Why?
11. What role did religion and superstition play in the Middle Ages? How did they influence each other?
12. What did people know about health and the functions of the human body?