

# "Why We Travel"

## Discussion Questions

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**Directions:** Please answer these in preparation for our discussion on February 6<sup>th</sup>. These will be part of your second Blog post.

1. Why do you travel? Do your reasons align with Iyer's essay? Please explain.
2. Iyer says, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new places, but in seeing with new eyes." What does this mean? How might this relate to you?
3. Iyer says, "What gives value to travel is fear." What does this mean? How might this relate to our journey?
4. Iyer talks about a traveler being a human "carrier pigeon", transporting ideas and culture from one society to another. Do you believe that travelers have a responsibility to share their knowledge and experience with all they visit and those they return to?
5. "Travel, then, is a voyage into that famously subjective zone, the imagination, and what the traveler brings back is—and has to be—an ineffable (def: deep) compound of himself and the place, what's really there and what's only in him." As your teachers, this is our favorite quote. Please find your favorite quote and explain why you chose it.