

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS

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Conversation Starters

In "Sounds of our Paleolithic Past," Lisa and Samson form a bond to each other. Why do they form this bond and what does it represent?

What is the purpose of the footnotes in "La République de France v. 'Mata Hari'"? What do we learn from these footnotes?

In "Love Notes for Eighth Grade," the narrator records the things she'd like to tell her eighth grade self. If you were put in the place of the narrator what would you tell your eighth grade self?



LISTEN

to an interview with Rhonda Douglas



How do the music-themed titles for each section of "Cancer Oratorio" fit with the content within each section?





In “Still Life with Book,” Nick carves John Donne’s poem “Death, be not proud” into his body. Read a copy of the poem. Why do you think Nick chooses this poem to carve onto his body?

TO

SERVE

CIRCUS RICKEY

1 part gin
1 part lemon juice
1 part raspberry juice
soda water
1 peel lemon

Fill a shaker with ice cubes. Add lemon juice, gin and raspberry juice. Shake and strain into a chilled glass filled with ice cubes. Top up with soda water. Garnish with lemon.

VIETNAMESE FRESH SPRING ROLLS

A colourful, light and refreshing snack that's perfect for a summertime book club meeting. Other ingredients could be substituted for the ones suggested in the recipe, so experiment!

Find the recipe here.