

## SUMMER READING QUESTIONS

Answer these questions as you read the book. They will help you during the discussions about the book in the first days of school.

*THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION* by Nancy Farmer

### Chapter 1

Describe the cloning process as it is presented.

### Chapter 2

What do we learn about Matt's daily life?

Describe the children in the Big House.

### Chapter 3

Why does Matt smash the window and climb out?

### Chapter 4

Describe Maria.

### Chapter 5

Why does Rosa come to hate Matt so much?

Describe how Matt adapts to living in his prison.

### Chapter 6

What do we learn about El Patron?

### Chapter 7

What does Tam Lin tell Matt about how El Patron grew?

Why is it important for Matt to think about how El Patron is?

What gives Matt back his ability to speak?

### Chapter 8

Where does Tam Lin take Matt for a picnic?

What is an eejit?

### Chapter 9

Why does Matt call himself a photograph?

What does Matt overhear in the bedroom?

### Chapter 10

Who are the Farmers?

What do we learn of El Patron's youth?

### Chapter 11

Who is El Viejo?

Who is Felicia?

Why does Matt treat Maria as he does?

Chapter 12

What does Matt find at the hospital?

Chapter 13

Why does Matt kidnap Furball?

What is Matt accused of?

Chapter 14

What is Celia's story?

Chapter 15

What does Matt discover about Rosa?

What does he find at the oasis?

What change has occurred to MacGregor?

Chapter 16

What is in the cold room?

What is Felicia's secret?

Chapter 17

What does Matt discover in *A History of Opium*?

What do we learn about Tam Lin?

Chapter 18

Why is Matt taken to the hospital?

What is meant by a Dragon Hoard?

Chapter 19

What does Matt realize about clones?

Chapter 22

Why are clones classified as livestock?

What surprise does Maria receive regarding her mother?

Of what use is the scorpion symbol?

Chapter 23

What does El Patron mean when he says, "Don't you think I'm owed those lives?"

Why does Celia say, "El Viejo was the only good man in this family"?

Why has Celia been feeding Matt poison?

What is to be done with Matt ?

Chapter 24

What does Matt mean when he says he was owed this life?

What does happen to Matt?

What does Matt find is the difference between humans and clones?

Chapter 26 - 34

Who are the Keepers?

Describe life in the orphanage.

Why is Matt called the aristocrat?

How does Matt escape?

Chapter 35

What is El Dia de los Muertos?

Chapter 36

Who saves Matt?

Chapter 37

Why is Matt sent back to Opium?

What is the international law of clones?

Chapter 38

What does he discover in Opium?

What is his final resolution?