

GHOST SIGNAL

STUDENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Discuss the questions with your group. Support your ideas with moments from the story. Different interpretations are welcome.



BIG IDEA A convincing experience is not always reliable evidence. When technology learns what we want to believe, we must examine how it works, who benefits, and what information may be missing.

DISCUSS & DEFEND

- 1 Lucas believes the Ghost Signal will finally prove what is real. What evidence initially convinces him? What warning signs should make him question the device?
- 2 Sergeant William warns the group not to search for the dark spirits, but Maverick continues. How do excitement, cameras, and pressure affect the group's decision?
- 3 Abigail cannot sense some of the spirits the device displays. How should the group respond when two sources of information disagree?
- 4 The Ghost Signal studies people's fear, empathy, trust, and beliefs to improve its performance. When does personalization become manipulation?
- 5 Maverick says Lucas was chosen because of what other people would see when he used the device. How is Lucas used to make the technology appear trustworthy?
- 6 After learning what the Ghost Signal was designed to do, which earlier moments seem different? Who shares responsibility for misleading the participants and audience?

CREATE A REALITY CHECK

Imagine someone presents a new device that claims to prove something extraordinary. Write one test, question, or safeguard people should use before trusting it. Explain how your reality check might have changed the ghost hunt.
