

Discussion Questions for the “Love and Friendship” Vignette from *The Mystery of Love*

1. What elements do you think form the fundamental basis for the friendship between Boris and Camilla?
2. What are the challenges that their friendship faced?
3. What did you learn about them from the way they faced those challenges? Think, for example, of what Boris said about the seating on the train.
4. When Camilla says, “I thank the Lord every day that there is Boris,” what do you think she means?
5. Imagine that you are writing a memoir of Camilla.
 - What would be the unifying thread or threads around which you would tell her story?
 - What might be the first sentence of your memoir of Camilla?
6. Imagine that you are writing a memoir of Boris.
 - What would be the unifying thread or threads around which you would tell his story?
 - What might be the first sentence of your memoir of Boris?