

## Rebel Mechanics by Shanna Swendson Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1<sup>st</sup> person narration?
2. Does the author's note help you understand the book?
3. What do you think of alternative history in general?
4. How do the chapter headings help the story?
5. Why do you think a train robbery is an exciting way for Verity to start her new life?
6. How would you feel if you ended up on a ride on a steam powered conveyance like Verity at the beginning of the story?
7. What do you think of the Rebel Mechanics?
8. Does Verity sound like she is suited to being a governess for a Magister family? why or why not?
9. How does Verity's magical ability shape her life?
10. Who is your favorite character and why?
11. Who is your least favorite character and why?
12. If you had magic would you want to use it or let magical devices do everything like Flora suggests?
13. What do you think about patriots not drinking tea?
14. Would you want to attend the Mechanics party? Why or why not?
15. Does Verity seem like she would be a better spy or a better journalist?
16. Should children ever be used like the Mechanics used them at the picnic?
17. Has anyone heard the term waving the bloody shirt and how does that apply to this book?
18. What do you think of Lord Henry's creation of wards and how it protected them from the rioters?
19. Do you think it is important that the governor mentions to Verity that he met her parents and particularly her mother?
20. Does an airship ride like Verity took with Alec sound interesting?
21. Are the Masked Bandits like Robin Hood or Rebel Mechanics or something else?
22. What do you think of the Rebel Mechanics betrayal of Verity?
23. Do you think a bookseller would be a part of the Rebel Mechanics?
24. What do you think of the different views of revolution?
25. What did you think of the ending where Verity chooses to stay in New York?
26. Did you like the book?
27. Do you want to read more in the series?