



**Snapshot Response to  
“Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride”  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan**

1. Reread the part of the Snapshot beginning “The Secret Service men . . .” How does the author help you “see” Washington, D.C., at night?

The author uses details: “The Potomac River glittered in the moonlight . . . the capitol dome looked as if it had a halo . . . [the] monuments looked like toys.”

2. Describe the sequence of events that leads up to Amelia and Eleanor’s flight over Washington, D.C.

Eleanor invites Amelia to dinner at the White House. Eleanor is fascinated to hear about flying at night and asks what Washington looks like. Amelia says she will have to see for herself. The two women get up from the table and have the Secret Service men take them to the airport.

3. Did the story end as you expected it to end? Why or why not?

Possible response: No, I thought Eleanor would fly the plane too. Or yes, I figured they would also go for a ride in Eleanor’s new car.