**The Legendary King of Santa Cruz Island - Discussion Questions**

1. What did you find most interesting when Betsy Lester was touring the ruble of the family home and telling about the different rooms?
2. How important was George Hammond to Herb Lester’s ability to thrive on San Miguel Island?
3. Do you think the involvement with the Lester family was important to George Hammond? If so, why?
4. Describe how the two little girls were schooled on the island and why this approach led to success when they transferred to mainland schools in 1942.
5. What were some of the qualities of Mrs. Lester that facilitated her move from being a New York City socialite to becoming the only adult woman / wife / mother on a remote and rugged island?
6. How would you have handled growing up like the Lester girls did?
7. What are some examples of the resourcefulness of Herb Lester? Could he have managed on the island without these qualities?
8. What are some of the factors that led to Herb Lester’s depression?