

Literature Discussion Questions

- ? Are any of the events in the book relevant to your own life?
- ? At the end of the book, do you feel hope for the characters? Why or why not?
- ? Be a character from the story. Tell who you are, what you do in the story, and why it is important.
- ? Choose your favorite scene in the story and tell what happened. Why is this scene your favorite?
- ? Compare and contrast this book to another book you've read recently. How are they alike? How are they different?
- ? Consider the main character: what does he or she believe in? What is he or she willing to fight for?
- ? Describe how the main character reacted to an event in the story, and how you would have responded differently.
- ? Describe the main character and another character in the story. Explain how they are alike and different.
- ? Describe the part of the plot you found most interesting, including who, what, when, where, why and how.
- ? Describe the setting of the story. How is the setting important to the plot?
- ? Did you find any flaws in the book?
- ? Did you find this book a quick read? Why or why not?
- ? Do you think the main character in the story made good or bad choices? Using examples from the book, what makes you think that?
- ? Have you ever experienced anything similar to the action of this novel?
- ? How believable are the characters? Which character do you identify with?
- ? How did you feel about the main character?
- ? How does the arrangement of the book help or detract from the ideas it contains?
- ? How does the main character change during the story? Describe the main character at the beginning and in what ways that character was different at the end.
- ? How does the title relate to the book?
- ? How does this book compare to other books you've read? Would it make a good movie? Is there a film adaptation of this book? What is brought out or played down in the film version?
- ? How is the book structured? Flashbacks? Multiple points of view? Why do you think the author chose to write the book this way?
- ? How is the setting of the book important to the theme?
- ? How might this story change if it were set in the past or the future?
- ? If you could choose one character from your story as a friend, who would you choose and why?
- ? If you were the main character in the story, how would things have been different?
- ? In one sentence, summarize your book, including main character, setting, plot, and conclusion.
- ? Is everything in the story believable? Explain your answer.

- ? Tell why the book is good or bad and explain your reasons? The best reason to read this book is . . .
- ? What are some of the major themes of this book?
- ? What are the most important relationships in the book?
- ? What are the most revealing scenes?
- ? What are your concerns about this book?
- ? What character in your book is most like you? Why?
- ? What did you enjoy about this book?
- ? What did you think of the style of the writer?
- ? What do you admire about the main character? How has that character influenced your behavior?
- ? What do you think the author was trying to accomplish with this novel?
- ? What have you read that is similar to this book?
- ? What is one thing the author makes you curious about and why?
- ? What is stronger in the book: plot or character development? Why? Do you think this was intentional on the part of the author?
- ? What is the great strength - or most noticeable weakness - of the book?
- ? What is the main idea or topic of your book?
- ? What is the most interesting scene in the novel so far?
- ? What is the problem or conflict in the book?
- ? What kind of person is the main character in your book? Use information and details from the story to support your point of view.
- ? What lesson did you learn from this story?
- ? What makes a minor character memorable?
- ? What surprised you about the main character?
- ? What was the main character's problem in the story? How was the problem solved? How would you have solved the problem?
- ? What would be your goal if you had the same problem as the main character?
- ? What's something the main character would never do? What makes you believe that?
- ? Where could the story go after the book ends? What is the future of these characters' lives? What would our lives be like if we lived in this story?
- ? Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
- ? Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- ? Write three questions for an interview with the main character.
- ? Write three questions you have after reading this book.
- ? You need one of the characters in the story to work with you on an important school project. Which character would you choose? Explain why.