

Questions Questions Questions (List Version)

These questions are designed to be conversation starters (not essay topics) and so there are no wrong answers for any of them. They have been grouped under Characters, Storylines, Author related and Self Reflection.

I have also given questions a subjective “Difficulty” start rating as a guide only to reflect the complexity of the answer you might expect from your readers:

- ★ Easy ✱ Medium ✱ Difficult ✱ Advanced

These same questions in a Table Format so they can be printed and cut out as cards for students to choose their own question.

Preliminary Questions

- ★ What is the title of your book?
- ★ What is the storyline about?
- ★ Are you enjoying reading your book?
- ★ What do you like/not like about the book you’re reading?
Note: It may be possible/advisable to guide the reader to another book at this point.

Characters

- ★ Are the characters realistic?
- ★ Which character is most realistic?
- ★ Would you like to meet any of the characters in this story? Why?
- ★ Do any of the characters remind you of someone you know?
- ★ If you could be any character in this story who would it be?
- ★ Does the main character have many close friends in this story? Is this important?
- ★ Which of the characters in your story would you like to invite to meet your family?
- ★ Which character would you like to play if this book was made into a movie.
- ★ Does the author describe what the main characters are wearing? Are their clothes important?
- ✱ Do any of the characters deserve an award for their role in the story? What is the award and who would you give it to?
- ✱ What type of gift would you give to the main character?
- ✱ What type of vacation do you think the main character would enjoy?
- ✱ What do the main characters rate as important in their daily life? Is this similar to what you consider important?
- ✱ What do you think will happen to the main characters after the story ends?
- ✱ Would you like to have one of the story’s characters as a friend? Who & Why?
- ✱ Which character attributes do the characters in this story demonstrate? Do they change?

- * Are the characters in this story good people, bad people, or something in between?
- * Have any of the characters changed from the type of person they were at the start of the story?
- * Does the author explain what the characters' lives were like before you meet them in the story?
- * Would you have said, acted or chosen differently from any of the characters at any point in the story?
- * Were there any characters in the story who were especially Helpful or Unhelpful to the main character(s)?
- * Do you have any questions you would like to ask any of the characters?
- * How do you think the main characters are feeling as the story develops?
- * If you were in this story, which character would you like to be? / Not like to be?
- * If you were in this story, which character would you like to have as your best friend?
- * If you were lost in the jungle, which character from this story would you like to have with you? Is that character the main character in the story?
- * Do the characters in the story have people they go to for help or information? Do they always choose the best person to ask?
- * Do any of the characters have the same values as you? Do any have much different values as you?
- * Do you think the characters would make the same choices if they lived in a different time or place?
- * Did any character change (eg. their thought, actions or beliefs) as the story progressed? Did this seem realistic?
- * If the story has a villain, do they have any good points?
- * Is the story's villain vanquished? Are they punished? Was their punishment justified?
- * What problems did the main characters have to face as the story progressed? Did they solve or find ways to solve their problems by the end of the story? How did they do this?

Storyline

- * What is the main storyline in this book?
- * Is the story set in a place similar to earth?
- * If so, would it take place in our time or in the past or in the future?
- * Is the story realistic? Can you imagine it happening somewhere on Earth?
- * Would you like/not like to live in this in the time/place described in this story?
- * Can you imagine this story being made into a movie?
- * What was the best part in the story so far?
- * Do you think this story should be made into a movie?

- * How do you think the story will go from the point where you have read up to?
- * Have you been in any situations similar to the situations described in the story?
- * How would you like the story to end?
- * Has this story made you think about events or incidents that you hadn't considered before?
- * Has this story made you want to find out about something new?
- * Does the setting of this story remind you of somewhere you are familiar with?
- * What do you think will happen in the sequel to this book?
- * What part of the story captured your attention?
- * Was there something that could have been said or done that might have made the story end differently?
- * Can you imagine being in any of the situations described in the story?
- * Were there any sections of the story you would prefer had played out differently?
- * Where there any sections of the story that did not seem realistic?
- * How would you describe what you think happened before the story begins? Does knowing the leadup to the story change how we look at the events in the story?
- * Has this story made you think about events or incidents in a way that you hadn't considered before?
- * Has this story had any unexpected surprises for you?

Author's message

- ★ Does the title of the book give you an idea of that the story is about?
- ★ Why has the author given the book the title they have?
- ★ Do you think the author is trying to send their readers a message or a moral in this story?
- ★ Do you have a favorite author? What types of stories do they write?
- ★ Do you think this is a good book for your age group? Would it appeal to other age groups as well?
- * What questions would you ask the author of this book?
- * What does this story make you think about?
- * If you have read other books by this author, which is your favorite?
- * Is there a particular issue the author is addressing in this story?
- * Does the author sometimes describe situations or events from more than one point of view? Why do you think this happens?
- * Which part of the story do you think might have been the most difficult/fun to write?
- * Why do you think the author wrote this story? What else would you like them to write about?

Self Reflection

- ★ Did you enjoy reading this book? Why/why not?
- ★ Who would you recommend this book to?
- ★ What type of person would enjoy reading this story?
- ★ Do you usually read books similar to or from the same genre as this book?
- ★ Is this a story that reminded you of real life?
- ★ Can you remember a story you have read that had a really great ending?
- ★ Can you remember a story you read that made you want to know more?
- ★ Can you think of a book that you would like to read again? Which book and why?
- ✧ What type of story would you like to be the hero in?
- ✧ Can you remember a story you have read that really surprised you?
- ✧ Can you describe in a few words how this story made/makes you feel?
- ✧ Do you think there of anyone who should not read this book?
- ✧ If you could change anything about this story, what would it be?
- ✧ Is there something you would like to read about or have someone write a story about?
- ✧ Which is your most/least favorite fictional character? Why?
- ✧ Which book describes a place you would/wouldn't like live? Why?
- ✧ Have you ever read a story that changed your thoughts, actions, feelings or beliefs? What was it's title?
- ✧ Can you think of a story that made you feel happy/sad/angry/hopeless/fortunate...(something else)
- ✧ Can you think of a story that made you laugh/cry?
- ✧ Can you find a word that describes your reaction to this story?
- ✧ Did this story make you think about people with lives or qualities different from yourself?
- ✧ Did this story change your thoughts, actions, behaviors or beliefs? Can you give an example?
- ✧ Do you think a person reading this story 100 years from now would enjoy it?