

Universal Book Discussion Questions

You can use these for a starting point on your book discussion and fill in with specific questions that pertain to the book.

- What did you enjoy about this book?
- What have you read that is similar to this book?
- What are some of the major themes of this book?
- What do you think the author was trying to accomplish with this novel?
- Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
- Consider the main character: what does he or she believe in?
What is he or she willing to fight for?
- At the end of the book, do you feel hope for the characters?
- Have you ever experienced anything similar to the action of this novel?
- Did you find this book a quick read? Why or why not?
- What are your concerns about this book?
- How did you feel about the main character?
- What are the most important relationships in the book?
- What makes a minor character memorable?
- What are the most revealing scenes?
- Are any of the events in the book relevant to your own life?
- What did you think of the style of the writer?
- Was the story credible? Were the characters credible?
- Did you find any flaws in the book?

Here are more.....

- Did the title suit the story?
- What did you like best about the book? What was your least favorite part?
- Did the story make you want to keep reading? Why/how?
- Did the author make the story believable to you?
- Do you identify with one of the characters?
- Did you like the main character(s)? Would you like to have them as your friend?
- What was the most important part of the story?
- Was the story realistic?
- Look at the book cover. Is it a good illustration of the story?
- Did the illustrations help tell the story? Would the book be different without the pictures?
- Were the descriptions adequate for you to picture what was happening in the story?
- Was there anything unusual about the style of this book?
- Were there any words or parts of the story you didn't understand?
- Were you surprised by the ending?
- If you could change the ending, what would you have happen?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
- What did you learn from this book?

For Historical Fiction

- How was the adventure in this book similar or different from adventures that take place today?
- What did you notice about the story that would give you a clue about what time period it was set in?
- What has changed since the time period of the story? What facts or technology do we know now that they didn't know or have back then?
- What would be different about this story if it took place in today's time?

Graphic Novel Discussion Questions

- How do the images and text work together to communicate the story?
- Could this story be as meaningful if it was not written in graphic novel format?
- How, if at all, do the characters in the novel change throughout the text? What does the author do to show these changes?
- How would this story change if you covered the pictures and only read the text?
- Why do you think the author choose to tell this story in graphic novel format?
- How do you think the pictures helped you visualize the characters?
- Why do you think some panels are different sizes in the book?
- Describe how the text and pictures work together to create a meaningful part of the story?

Nonfiction Book Discussion Questions

- What are some things that you have learned from reading this book?
- If someone were to ask you for one interesting fact about the topic in your book what would it be?
- Did the author present the information in an interesting and meaningful way?
- Has your opinion changed about the particular subject? Why or Why not?
- Compare this book to a school text book. What are some of the difference and similarities?
- Has the book made you want to learn more about a specific topic? What? Why?

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