Book Discussion Questions

1. Who is the main character? What three character or personality traits best describe this character? For each trait, describe an incident from the book when the main character shows this particular trait.

2. Do the characters make any important moral/ethical choices? What did you think of those choices? How would you have chosen?

3. Does the book's setting play an essential role in the development of the main character(s) and in the action of the book? If yes, then describe the setting and explain why it is so critical to the book. (If not, then skip this question!)

4. Did the ending surprise you? Why or why not? Now that you've finished the book, can you see any clues that the author included to prepare you for the ending?

5. If you read a non-fiction book, what are five important facts or new ideas that you learned about the topic?

6. What is an important life lesson learned by the main character as a result of his or her experiences? Be sure to describe how and when the character learns this lesson and how it affects his or her actions.

7. Are all the events told from one character's point of view, or does the point of view alternate between characters? How does the author's choice of point of view affect the story?

8. Is the book mostly plot-driven (the action is the most important element) or character-driven (the focus is more on the characters' thoughts, feelings, relationships, and how they change)? Give specific examples from the book to support your opinion. Would you have enjoyed the book more if the emphasis or focus had been different? Why or why not?

9. Why did you choose this book to read? Was it better or worse than you expected? In what ways? What did you like best about the book and what did you like least? Would you read another book by this author or in this genre/category? Why or why not?

10. Does the book remind you of any other book you have read? In what ways are the books similar? Are there also important differences between the books? Is one significantly better than the other? Explain why.