



If you are new to book clubs, here are a few tips to consider when reading to best prepare you for discussion. We will be talking about some of the topics below, so as you read the chapters each week you can use this as a guide to analyze the book. This is just a general guideline so if you have your own questions or comments we would love to hear about them as we meet each week and discuss the book in our small group.

1. How did you experience the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you a while to get into it? If the book engages you, what specifically got you into it.
2. How do you feel when you are reading it? Are you amused, sad, bored?
3. Describe the dynamics between characters. Do they remind you of people you know?
4. Are the main characters dynamic - do they change or mature at the end of the book? Do they learn about themselves?
5. Discuss the plot. Does the plot slowly unfold with the focus on one character? Was the plot predictable? Were you surprised by anything that occurred in the storyline?
6. Regarding the book structure, is there a single viewpoint or does the viewpoint shift between characters? Why might the author have chosen to tell the story the way they did?

7. What are the main ideas the author explores?
8. What passages in the book stand out to you the most? Is there dialogue that is funny or that gives you a full picture of a specific character?
9. Is the ending satisfying? Why or why not? How would you change it if you could.
10. Has this book changed you or broadened your perspective? Have you learned something new or been exposed to different ideas about people or a certain part of the world?

Please know that you will not be put on the spot to contribute in any way. We encourage you to come and participate at your own comfort level each week, but we invite your input and feelings as you read the book along with us.