

Reflection and Discussion Guide

Focus

Questions about your reading

First reaction

What was your first reaction? Describe it briefly.

Feelings

What feelings or emotions did you experience?

Visual images

What images came to mind as you were reading?

Associations

What memories of people, places, events came to mind?

Judgments of importance

What do you think is the most important word or phrase in the text? Why do you think so?

Characters I

Whom did you most admire, and why?

Characters II

With whom did you most identify, and why?

Identification of problems

Was there anything you had trouble understanding?

Author

Why do you think the author wrote this?

Questions about your discussion

Literary associations

Can you make a connection with another work of art (poem, play, song film, story)? If so, explain.

Other readings

Did your understanding differ from your discussion partner(s). How were they similar?

Evolution of your reading

Did your understanding or feelings about the reading change as you talked? If so, how?

Other readers	What did you observe in others as you talked?
Evaluations	If you were to recommend this text to someone, who would you want to read this, and how might it benefit them?
Questions	Is there anything else you would like to discover about this author, theme, setting or topic? If so, how might you investigate?

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