

Conferencing Questions

1. What are the problems the main character faces and how are those problems solved?
2. How does the setting of the book contribute to the mood of the story?
3. Which character has gone through the biggest change and why?
4. Which part of the book would you like to go back to and re-read? Why?
5. Which character would you like to have as a friend? Why?
6. What motivates the main character's decisions?
7. How has the author's style or language appealed to you?
8. What information or knowledge did you already have that helped you to understand this book better?
9. What kinds of things should someone know about before trying to read this book, so that he/she will understand it better?
10. What part of the book did you have the most difficulty understanding or connecting with?
11. What issue in the book is the most (pick 1 or 2)... Interesting? Upsetting? Familiar? Ridiculous? Confusing?
12. Where does the story take place? Why do you think this is important to the novel?
13. Pick a supporting character. How does that character influence the main character?
14. While you were reading, what did you visualize in your head? How did this help you understand or enjoy the story?
15. How do two of the characters in the book differ from each other?
16. What part of the story caused the most intense feelings in you?
17. How has the story changed your thinking?
18. How did the author make the characters believable?
19. Which character in the book are you the least similar to? Why?
20. Which character are you the most similar to? Why?
21. What kind of message does the author want the reader to get from this book/story?
22. What keeps going through your head about this book?
23. What did you learn from this book?