

Use these as question stem, but expect to include specific information from the story when forming your questions.

How believable are the characters? Which character do you identify with?

What makes the protagonist sympathetic, or unsympathetic?

Why do certain characters act the way they act?

What does the character mean when he says "..."? How does the author use certain words and phrases to provide characterization?

How is the book structured? Flashbacks? Multiple points of view? Why do you think the author chose to write the book this way?

What types of symbolism do you find in this novel? What do these objects really represent? How do characters react to and with these symbolic objects?

What themes recur throughout the book?

How is the setting of the book important to the theme?

How is the conflict introduced? What role does each character play in regards to the story's conflict?

What predictions can you make based upon...?

Do you see any comparisons or contrast between characters that appear significant in terms of the conflict or the theme? Explain.

What inference can we make about a character based on the ways other characters are reacting to this character?