

TOP TIPS AND TRICKS FOR CREATING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Don't ask anything a teacher would ask.
- If you think better with a partner, get a partner.
- Skip the yes or no questions. Start with *why* and *how* instead of *who*, *what*, or *when*.
- Keep your questions open-ended—the kind that don't give away your opinion or reveal the answer.
- Ask about things that interest you.
- Ask questions you don't know the answer to.
- Ask a question that's impossible to answer.
- Find a part of the book where you can't figure out what's going on. Ask about that.
- Find a part of the book where you are *almost* 100 percent sure you know what's going on. Ask an open-ended question about it—one that doesn't give away your opinion—and see what others think.
- Make up a provocative statement—something that's sure to stir up disagreement. Then turn it into a question.
- Find something in the book you feel strongly about. Ask readers what they think.
- Ask the next logical question. And the next. And the next.
- Work from your gut. Speak from your own experience.

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