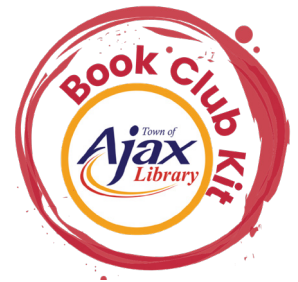


Book Club Guide: Being a Critical Reader



Before You Begin Your Book

- What does the title tell you about the book?
- Do you know anything about the book already, and has it created preconceived ideas?
- Consider keeping a reading log! Track your progress, sections you want to discuss with your group, or thoughts or feelings you have as you read.

While You Read

- Make note of exciting or confusing passages for discussion.
- Look up words or phrases that you're unsure of - reading expands your vocabulary!
- Do you have any guesses about the outcome, and do they change as you read?

After You Finish the Book

- How do you feel about the ending?
- What did you like best or least?
- Did you feel engaged in the story or did you struggle to finish?
- Did you learn anything new or gain a new perspective after reading this book?
- Would you change anything about the book?
- Would you read another book on this topic or by this author?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Consider the Following



The Characters

- Were they believable and were their actions plausible?
- Do you identify with any of the characters?
- Did any character help you see a different perspective?



The Setting

- Was it a realistic atmosphere?
- Did the book make you feel as if you were transported to that time and place?
- How important was the setting to the story?



The Author

- What influences or experiences informed the author's writing?
- Did the author accurately portray characters not like them?
- What would you ask the author?

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