

Home Connections

Ideas for Book Conversations

General Thoughts about Reading

- How is watching a movie about a book different than reading the book itself?
- What is your favorite book? Why?
- If you were writing a book, what would you choose for the setting?
- What was the funniest book you've ever read? Why did you enjoy it so much?
- Who is your favorite author?
- Discuss: How is reading a newspaper different from reading a novel?
- If you were making your book into a movie, who would you cast in the leading roles?
- Has any book ever made you sad enough to cry?
- What is your favorite book about an animal?
- Discuss what you both like about reading.
- Discuss what you both find difficult about reading.
- Where is your favorite place to read?

The following questions can be used to "jump start" a conversation about books.

- ***Adults** - use them with your junior high students to get to know them better as readers (and people).
- ***Students** - use them with adults to complete your *Reading Questionnaire*!



About Your Current Book

- * Does the art on the cover of your book accurately reflect the story inside?
- * How would you change the cover design?
- * What new title would you give your book? Why?
- * Would you want to live in the setting of the book you are reading? Why? Why not?
- * What is the significance of the title of the book you are reading?
- * With which part of your book are you most annoyed? Why?
- * What do you like/dislike about the style of writing of the author you are reading now?
- * Read a passage of your book aloud. What do you like/dislike about reading aloud?
- * What part of the book is the most "gripping" (the part that makes you feel like you are in the book)?
- * Describe a scene in the book that you can see clearly.

About the Characters

- ~Select a theme song for one of your characters. Explain.
- ~Who would you cast to play the role of your main character if your book were to be made into a movie? Why?
- ~What three words best describe the personality of your main character? Explain.
- ~How would your book be different if told from the point of view of another character?
- ~Which minor character would you want to chat with? Why?
- ~Do you question any of the decisions a character has made? Which ones?
- ~Which character is the most "real"—the most believable? Why?
- ~Which character is most like one of your family members or friends? What do they have in common?
- ~What is the main problem your main character faces? Have you ever felt like that?
- ~What is your main character feeling at this point? Have you ever felt that way?