

1. How did the main characters evolve in the story? What or who made them change?
 - a. What events or people had the most influence in the course of your life? How?
2. What was your favorite setting in the novel? How did the setting influence the story?
3. What relationships are most important to the story? Why? How do your past and present relationships influence your story?
4. Food is a major part of culture and can remind us of home. How was food used in this story to draw the reader into the place and time? What foods bring you comfort or bring back memories? Are there certain foods that must be a part of your family's traditions?
5. Who was your favorite minor character? Why?
6. Were any of the characters' names symbolic? Who? How?
7. Stories often draw an emotional reaction from the reader. Did any part of the story make you laugh or cry?
8. Was the ending disappointing, satisfactory, or wonderful? Why?