

# DISCUSSION QUESTION STEMS

- How does the setting of [specific place or time] influence what happens in the text, and why do you think the author chose it?
- What symbols or images, like [specific symbol or image], stand out to you in the text? What do you think they mean?
- Why do you think [specific event or reaction] happened, and how might it have turned out differently?
- Can you find a part in the text where [specific word, phrase, or idea] is repeated? Why do you think the author keeps bringing it up?
- One thing I noticed is [specific detail]. But I'm not sure what it means or why the author chose to do it that way. What do you think?
- How does [main character or speaker] change from [beginning of the text] to [end of the text], and what does that tell us about them?
- What do you think the author was trying to achieve by using irony in [specific situation or event]? Did it surprise you?
- I'm curious about why the author emphasized [specific element]. What do you think it adds to the story?
- How might [specific character] have felt during [specific event]? How does thinking about it from their point of view change the way you see the text?
- What are some reasons [specific character] did [specific action]? What does this tell us about their motivations?
- What do you think the author's purpose was for including [specific event, character, or detail]? How does it fit into the overall story?
- How does [specific character's action or trait] contribute to the conflict or tension in the text?
- Suppose [specific event] had happened differently. How would that change the outcome of [specific event or situation]?
- How does the tone or mood of the text change at certain points, like [specific part]? What do you think this change suggests?
- What's the overall vibe or atmosphere of the text, and how does it shift from [one part of the text] to [another part]? Why do you think that happens?
- How are [character] and [another character] alike? Different? How does this comparison help you understand them better?
- What did you think of [character]'s approach to [specific problem or situation]? What might they have done differently?
- Can you describe a situation where [specific character's action] would be acceptable or unacceptable? Why do you think so?
- What conclusion can we draw about [character, event, or theme]? How does the text help us reach that conclusion?
- I noticed [specific detail] was used a lot. I'm not sure why it's important, but it seems like it matters. What do you think?
- What is the author saying through [specific decision or action] made by [character]? How does this choice impact the story?