



TIPS FOR THOUGHTFUL READING

THIS BOOKMARK IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU ENGAGE CHILDREN IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE BOOKS THEY READ, ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR DIVERSE AND COMPLEX WORLD.



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CONVERSATION STARTERS



? WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN COMMON WITH THE CHARACTERS IN THE BOOK?



DOES THE BOOK HAVE CHARACTERS OF DIFFERENT AGES, RACES, ETHNICITIES, AND GENDERS?



DO YOU THINK THE AUTHOR REPRESENTS THE CHARACTERS FAIRLY?



WHO IS TELLING THE STORY? DOES THE STORY HAVE A POINT OF VIEW THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM YOURS?



DOES THE BOOK PRESENT A POINT OF VIEW FROM THE PAST OR A LONG TIME AGO? HOW CAN YOU TELL?



WHOSE VOICE IS HEARD IN THE BOOK? WHOSE VOICE IS NOT HEARD?



WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM BOOKS THAT HAVE A DIVERSE CAST OF CHARACTERS?



HOW DOES THE BOOK MAKE YOU FEEL?

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