



10 Literary Fiction Book Club Questions

That Work for Almost Any Novel

1. Literary fiction strongly emphasizes characters. With that in mind, what character did you connect with most? Give examples of what made the character feel real to you.
2. How did you feel about the protagonist, and how did they change throughout the story? Was there a pivotal moment?
3. What message do you think the author was sending to the reader?
4. Some examples of themes commonly used in Literary Fiction are: grief, family, identity, belonging, forgiveness, marriage, class and privilege, memory, and regret. What theme/themes were prominent in the story? How did these themes show up in the characters' decisions and actions?
5. Did any of the characters make decisions that you disagree or agree with? What changes would you have made, and how would that have affected the outcome?
6. Did any past experiences shape a character's choices or behavior? How did the experience shape how they viewed themselves, other people, or situations?
7. How would you describe the author's writing style? For example: Lyrical, Descriptive, Conversational, Sparse, Atmospheric, or Introspective. Did it affect how you experienced the story? Did any descriptions, moments, or passages stay with you?
8. How did relationships shape or alter any of the characters' direction in the story?
9. How would you describe the ending of the book? What would you change? Did it change your perspective of anything that happened in the story?
10. One important benefit of reading is that it opens your mind to new ideas. Did the book change or challenge your feelings on a particular topic?