

## Discussion Sparks for Silent Book Club

### Prompts to Foster Deeper Connections with Literature

*The goal of these prompts is not to have a right answer, but to encourage thoughtful conversation and exploration of the text.*

- How would you rate this book out of 10 and why?
- Can you connect events, characters, or themes in the book to your own life or world events?
- If you were in the story, which character would you most likely be and why?
- What imagery stood out the most to you in the book? What effect did the author's language have on the story?
- What themes were explored in the book? What do you think the author was trying to say about those themes?
- Who was your favorite character and why? Who was your least favorite, and why? How have the characters developed throughout the story?
- What do you think will happen next if the book had another chapter?
- What was your favorite part of the book? What made that part stand out to you?
- How does the title relate to the story? Would you have given the book a different title?
- What do you think the author's intent was in writing this book? How successfully do you think they achieved it?
- Were there any symbols in the story? What do you think they represented?
- How does the setting contribute to the story? Would the story be different if it was set somewhere else?
- How did the book make you feel? Did your feelings change throughout the reading?
- Would you recommend this book to someone else? If so, who would you recommend it to and why?
- What did you learn from this book? Did it change your perspective on any topic?

### Prompts to Bridge Personal, Community, and Global Connections

*These questions should stimulate lively conversations about books, communities, cultures, and global issues. They help to tie the reading experience to larger real-world themes and contexts.*

- How did this book impact you personally? Did it change the way you think about any particular issue?

- If you had the power to change something in the book, what would it be and why?
- Has the book inspired you to take any action, small or large, in your community or personal life?
- How do the events in the book compare to what's happening in our community? Can you find any parallels?
- How might this story be different if it were set in a different culture or country?
- What social issues are raised in the book? How do they relate to issues in the real world?
- Who in the book would you consider a hero and why? Can you name some real-world heroes who are similar?
- How is technology portrayed in the book? How does it compare to its role in our society?
- Was there justice in the book? What does justice look like in our community and world?
- How does the book's setting reflect environmental issues we face in the real world?
- Do all characters in the book have equal opportunities? How does this compare to real-world situations?
- What is a fun fact or interesting thing you learned from this book that you didn't know before?
- How does the book embrace diversity? Can you relate this to our community or the larger world?
- How are marginalized or underrepresented people depicted in the book?
- Based on the book, what do you imagine for the future? How does it align or contrast with your hopes for the future?
- How did reading this book make you feel part of a larger global community?
- What values are highlighted in this book? How do they relate to our school, community, or global values?
- What power structures exist in the book? How do they compare to those in our world?
- How would this story be different if it took place in our hometown?
- How does this book relate to a global issue you care about?
- What is one thing that a character in the book learned that you think is a valuable lesson for our community or world?
- How did this book help you better understand a perspective different from your own?
- How are human rights depicted or addressed in the book?
- What's a quote or moment from the book that you can't stop thinking about and why?

- Based on what the book taught you, what would you recommend we do as a school or community to address some of the issues in the book?
- Which character from the book do you relate to the most and why?
- Are there any characters in this book who you would consider as role models for real-world actions?
- What is one thing in the book you wish was real and one thing you're glad is only fiction?
- How did the shared experience of reading the book affect our group/community?
- Can you relate the book to any of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals? If so, how?