AQotWF Discussion Group Guidelines

Preparation for Discussion

In your journal, briefly take notes over chapters 1-4. Respond to each statement or question that follows.

1) **Briefly** summarize the material. What would you title this chapter?

2) What, if anything, are you confused about in this chapter?

3) Make a list of vocabulary of words that you think are interesting and don’t know. Define them.

4) Find 1 or 2 examples of a literary technique in each chapter. Write down the name of the technique, the relevant quote, and the page number.

5) Write a discussion question for each chapter. These questions should be open ended, and should be designed to make your group think more deeply about the chapters.

Discussion Protocol

Step 1: Focus

Decide which chapters you will be focusing on in your discussion. I suggest focusing on no more than 2 chapters per discussion.

## Step 2: Address Confusion

In your group, talk through any parts of the chapters that are confusing. Make sure everyone in your discussion group understands what happened in the chapters being discussed.

## Step 3: Discuss

Have each member of the group pose a discussion question for the chapter. Discuss these questions in depth. Don’t be afraid of having “the wrong answer.” using examples from the book. Talk about literary techniques. Use your seminar skills!

**Ideas for Discussion Questions**I suggest that your discussions be chapter by chapter, so feel free to frame these questions within the context of a chapter—not the whole book.

What were your feelings after reading the part where…..?

Did this chapter make you laugh? cry? cringe? smile? cheer? Explain.

What connections are there between the chapter and your life? Explain.

What is the most important sentence/paragraph/passage in this chapter so far? The most important event or feeling?  Explain.

What is the best part of the chapter? Why? What is the worst part? Why?

What do you think might happen next?

What’s come as a surprise in the chapter? Why?

What parts of the chapter seem most believable or unbelievable? Why?

What makes you wonder in this chapter? What confuses you?

In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.

Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family members, or classmates? Explain.

Which character would you like to be in this book? Why?

What would you and your favorite character talk about in a conversation? Begin the conversation.

If you could step into the book, what’s the first thing you would do?