

Books and Reading

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Books and Reading**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What is the title of a book you have enjoyed recently?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
novel	A long fictional story written in prose.	<i>I just finished a novel about a detective in London.</i>
author	A person who writes books or other written works.	<i>The author of my favorite novel visited our school last week.</i>
genre	A category of artistic composition, as in music or literature, characterized by similarities in form, style, or subject matter.	<i>My favorite genre is fantasy because I love magical worlds.</i>
bestseller	A book that sells in very large numbers.	<i>The new thriller became a bestseller within a month.</i>
plot	The main events of a story, presented in a particular order.	<i>The plot of the mystery kept me guessing until the end.</i>
character	A person in a story, play, or movie.	<i>The main character in the story is very brave and kind.</i>
recommend	To suggest that something would be good or suitable for someone.	<i>I would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure.</i>
library	A place where books and other media are kept for public use.	<i>I spend my weekends reading in the local library.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What kind of books do you like to read in your free time?
- 2 How often do you read for pleasure?
- 3 Can you tell me about the last book you read?
- 4 Do you prefer reading printed books or e-books? Why?
- 5 What genre (e.g., mystery, romance) do you enjoy the most and why?
- 6 How do you choose a new book to read?
- 7 Have you ever read a book that changed the way you think about something?
- 8 Do you think reading habits are different for younger and older people? Explain.
- 9 Should schools require students to read novels outside the curriculum? Why or why not?
- 10 In the future, how might digital technology affect the way people read books?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: One student acts as a librarian and the other as a visitor looking for a new book. The visitor says they enjoy adventure and history. The librarian must recommend two books, explain why they fit the visitor's interests, and answer any follow-up questions.