24 Discussion Journal Prompts

Before the Meeting

1. What made you curious about this book when you first picked it up?
2. What are you hoping to discover or experience as you read this book?
3. Which moment, idea, or detail has stayed with you most so far?
4. What feelings or thoughts have you noticed while reading, and have they changed along the way?
5. Is there anything about the book that you find confusing, surprising, or difficult to connect with?
6. If you could bring one question about the book to your next meeting, what would you want to ask?

During the Discussion

1. Which comment from another reader made you see the book in a different way?
2. What did someone notice that you had completely overlooked?
3. Was there a moment when your opinion differed from someone else's, and what did you learn from that difference?
4. Which part of the conversation made you want to revisit a particular page or passage?
5. What feeling or reaction did you find yourself sharing with the other readers?
6. What new thought about the book would you like to remember after the meeting?

After the Last Page

1. What was your overall feeling when you finished this book?
2. Which moment, idea, or detail do you think you will remember longest?
3. Did the ending leave you satisfied, surprised, unsettled, or something else?
4. Has anything in this book changed the way you think about a person, situation, or part of everyday life?
5. What did you enjoy most about reading this book, and what did you enjoy least?
6. If you could keep just one thought from this book in your notebook, what would it be?

Choosing the Next Book

1. What kind of book are you in the mood to read with your group next?
2. Which subjects, settings, or stories would you like to explore that you haven't tried before?
3. What did you enjoy about this group's reading experience that you would like to find in the next book?
4. Would you prefer something familiar and comforting or something completely different from your usual reading?
5. Is there a book you've been wanting to read that you would love to suggest to the group?
6. What would make your next book club read feel especially enjoyable or meaningful?