

# Head Questions

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## Focus on Character

- What do you think motivates (character) in (situation)?
- Did (character's) motives change throughout the text? How?
- Do you think (character) should have...? Why or why not?
- If you are a TV reporter, what questions would you ask (character)?
- What did (character) mean by the expression ('.....')
- (Character) believes... What is the counter argument to this view?
- If you were (character) what would you have said to (other character) when (incident occurred)?
- What can you learn from this author about character development?



- If I were (character) I would have (describe your action) when (action from story)
- I wonder if (character) (felt emotion) when (action or event)? - **Students fill this one in.**
- What caused (character) to (behaviour)?
- What else could (character) have tried to (solve or avoid complication)?
- Just suppose (character) had not done (action). What would have happened differently in the story? At (position in story) how do you think the character feels - **(rise above the mundane) - 'sad' = heart broken = devastated**
- (character) said ('.....') do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

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- Why do you think (character acted... in this situation)?
- Why do you think (event happened)?
- List five ways (character) and (character) are alike?
- List five ways (character) and (character) are different?
- How is (character) similar to (character)?
- How are (character) & (character) dissimilar to each other?
- What do you think would have happened differently if (change a character's thought or reaction)?
- If (change a character's personality) how might the story have developed differently?
- What might have prevented (problem from text) happening?
- What are the strengths of (character)?
- What are the weaknesses of (character)?
- What vulnerabilities does (character) have?
- Would you rather be (character) or (character)? Why?
- What do you think (character) meant where he/she said ('...phrase...')
- What would your parents say to you if you came home raving about (character from story) who (characteristic of character)?
- Do you agree with (positive or negative statement about a character)? Why? Be prepared to share your reasons.
- Is (character) a hero? Read (passage from text). - How could this section of text change a person's mind?
- Was (character) a villain? Read (passage from text). How could this text change a person's mind?
- What were (character's) motives (at point in text)?



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