

 JUMPSTART® DISCUSSION CARDS

<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 1</p> <p>Read the title, author's name, back of the book, and chapter titles. Look at the pictures on the cover and inside the book. Discuss what you think this story will be about. What questions do you have? What predictions can you make? What would you like to find out when you read this book?</p>	<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 2</p> <p>Think about the predictions you made. Did your prediction happen? If so, you can confirm your prediction and make a new prediction based on new information. Can you eliminate a prediction? Do you need to change or adjust a prediction? Discuss your predictions and what really happened. Discuss your new predictions.</p>
<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 3</p> <p>Think of a scene in the story where you forgot yourself and began to daydream or remember something in your life. How did the scene trigger your memory? What was it about the scene that is similar to your own experiences? What was different? Discuss your personal connections to specific parts in the book.</p>	<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 4</p> <p>Sometimes a book takes you by surprise. Did something happen that you didn't expect? Did a particular event throw you for a loop? Discuss the events in the book that surprised you. Talk about how the surprises added or took from the story. Is everyone in your group surprised by the same thing, or are you surprised by different things?</p>
<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 5</p> <p>Sometimes an author leaves you wondering. Some things are best left to the imagination. What are you wondering about? Why do you think the author left it to your imagination? How do you feel about it? What would you do differently if you were the writer? What do you wish the author would have added, kept, or left out?</p>	<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 6</p> <p>Did the book have parts that were confusing? Are you struggling to understand a particular event or scene? Do you feel as if you are missing a piece of the puzzle? Discuss the confusing parts of the book. Sometimes someone else's ideas can help to clarify your own. Think about what confused you and why. Reread the confusing parts.</p>

<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 7</p> <p>Good readers make pictures in their minds. It's like watching a "mind movie" while reading. Good readers can "see" the characters, setting, and actions. Choose a scene. Discuss what you picture in your mind. What do the characters look like? What are the details of the setting? How do you picture it? Can you visualize the actions? Discuss your visualizations. How do you see things alike and differently?</p>	<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 8</p> <p>Think about the characters in the book. Can you relate to a character? How do they feel? Do you ever feel like the character? Does a character remind you of someone, or another character in a different book, or a character in a movie or television show? How would you describe the character's personality? Do you think the character will change somehow? If so, how should the character change and why? Who is your favorite character? Which characters do you like the least?</p>
<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 9</p> <p>Characters in a book usually learn something about themselves or the world along the way. The lesson learned by the character might be a good lesson for you too. Discuss what lessons you think the character learned, will learn, or needs to learn. How can you relate what the character learns to your own life? Do you have any life experiences similar to the characters? What did you learn? And how is it the same or different from the character's experiences?</p>	<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 10</p> <p>Discuss your favorite part in the book. What made the scene special? How do you relate to your favorite part? Discuss which parts everyone in the group enjoyed and which parts you didn't like. Why do you think you enjoyed certain scenes? Why do you think you didn't enjoy certain scenes? If you were the writer would you change any scenes? What changes would you make? Why or why not?</p>
<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 11</p> <p>Select a scene and read it out loud. Act out the scene or take turns retelling the scene to each other. Make up a voice for each character in the scene. If you were a movie director who would you cast to play each character? What would your set look like? What would your characters wear? Some scenes require more dialogue for a movie. Write out the additional dialogue you would need to make the scene work.</p>	<p> Jumpstart Discussion Starter 12</p> <p>Make a list of the funny parts, sad parts, angry parts, suspenseful parts, and any other categories you want to add. Discuss the different categories. What if all of the parts were funny? Would it take away from the book? What if the author took out the suspenseful parts? How would it change the tone of the story? What parts made you want to continue reading the book? What parts bored you or made you feel mad or sad or some other emotion?</p>

