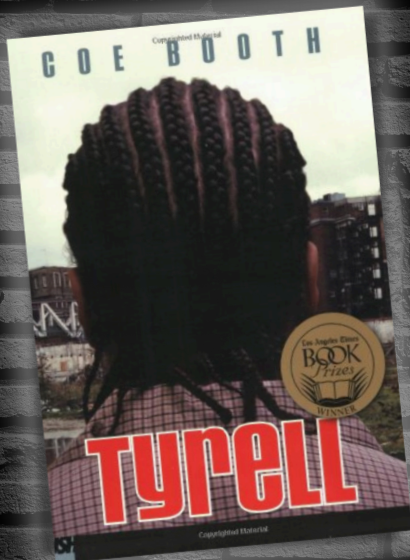


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LITERARY LEADERS
READ OR BE READ BOOK CLUB



Book Club Guide

9 Rules for a Productive Discussion

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Do not interrupt when someone else is speaking.

1

Think before you speak.

2

Listen carefully to what others have to say.

4

Make use of what others have to say when it's your turn to speak.

5

Only say what you truly believe.

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Do not remain silent. Make sure you contribute to the conversation.

6

Let other people speak. Do not hog the discussion. Once you are done speaking, let at least 2 people talk before you speak again.

7

Search for the best solution, even if it is different from the way thought at first.

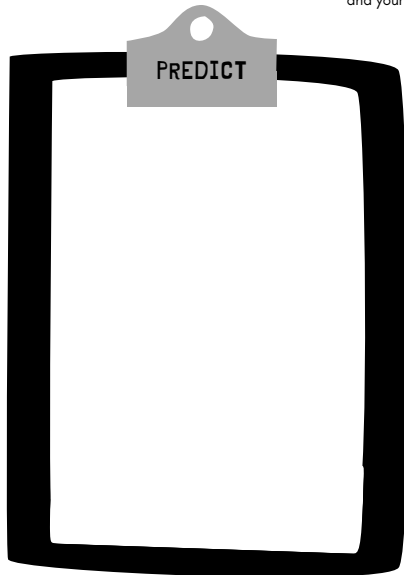
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Support good ideas that other people have even if they are different from your own.

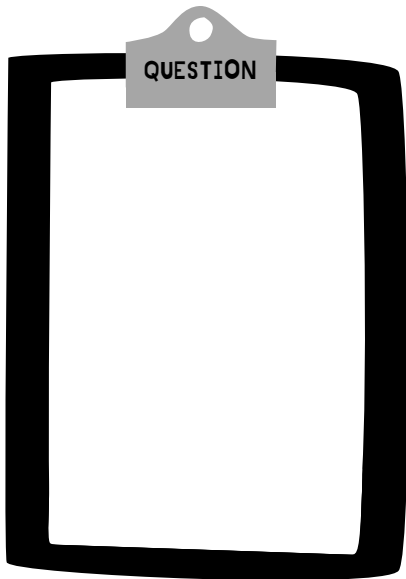
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Judging a Book by its cover...

Instructions: Based on the front and back covers of the book, what do you think it's going to be about. Write your predictions under **PREDICT** and your questions under **QUESTION**.



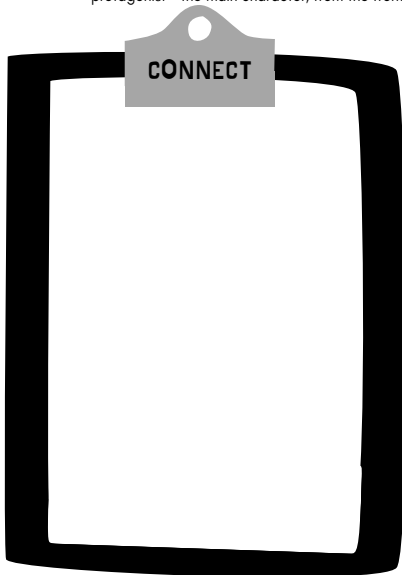
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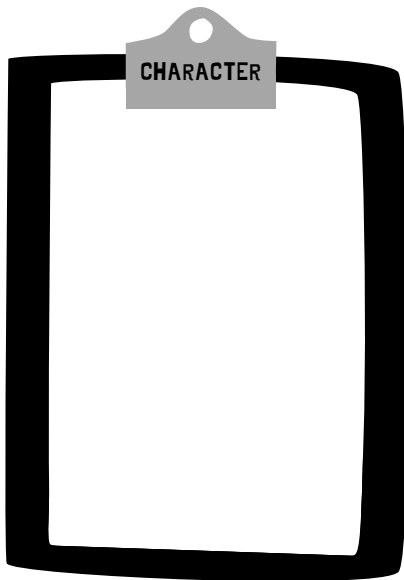
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Judging a Book by its cover...

Instructions: In **CONNECT** write what sentence or phrase from the back of the book speaks to you? What connections can you make from your personal experiences, what you know about the world, or other books you've read. In **CHARACTER** write what you know about the protagonist - the main character, from the front cover of the book. What kind of character do you think this will be?



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Themes:

Setting:

Main Characters:

Main Problem:

Other Problems:

Predictions:

Question/Quotes:

Your Thoughts:

Characters

Moms

Troy

Jasmine

Relationship to Tyrell

Attitude

Other Information

Prediction

Chapter 1 Questions

1

Where does Novisha live? Describe it.

3

How old is Novisha?

5

What secret is Novisha keeping from Tyrell?

7

Why does Novisha say she's trying to protect Tyrell?

2

How does Tyrell describe Novisha's father?

4

What does Tyrell like about Novisha's family's apartment?

6

What does Tyrell read that makes his blood feel like it's on fire?

8

What time of the year is it?

Chapter 2 Questions

1

What is the EAU?

3

How old is Tyrell's brother and what is his name?

5

How long has Tyrell's family been at the EAU?

7

What is the name of the girl Tyrell meets at the shelter?

2

What observation does Tyrell make about fathers in front of the EAU?

4

What does Tyrell think when his mother expresses disappointment that Mrs. Jenkins didn't send any food for her?

6

What does the city do if they can't find a family a place?

8

How does Tyrell describe Jasmine?

Chapter 3 Questions

1

What does Jasmine do on the EAU bus?

2

How many stops is the EAU bus going to make?

3

Who is Dante?

4

What are Tyrell's feelings towards Dante? Why?

5

What does Dante want to do to help Tyrell's family get out of the shelter?

6

Why does Jasmine call Tyrell while he's on the EAU bus?

7

Do you think Tyrell will remain faithful to Novisha, or that he'll end up with Jasmine? Why or why not?

8

Why doesn't Tyrell want Jasmine to think he's a good guy?

Discussion Review

What behaviors helped the discussion?

What behaviors hurt the discussion?

What are your personal discussion goals?

Best Part / Worst Part

Name:

Grade :

Date:



4 Ways to build on someone's ideas



BE DIRECT

"I'd like to add on to what Keisha said..."



BE INQUISITIVE

"Keisha, can you tell us more about what you said?"



BE COMPLIMENTARY

"What Keisha said was really important/interesting/valuable..."



BE COLLABORATIVE

"There's evidence that supports what Keisha said on page..."

Chapter 1 Questions

1

Where does Novisha live? Describe it.

Bronxwood Houses. (p. 1) It's in the projects. (p. 4)

3

How old is Novisha?

Novisha is 14 years old. (p. 3)

5

What secret is Novisha keeping from Tyrell?

A boy at school has been asking her out. (p. 5)

7

Why does Novisha say she's trying to protect Tyrell?

So that he doesn't end up in jail like his father. (p. 6-7)

2

How does Tyrell describe Novisha's father?

Asshole. That he seems to only come to visit Novisha's mother to eat and "go at it". (p. 2)

4

What does Tyrell like about Novisha's family's apartment?

It doesn't change. (p. 4)

6

What does Tyrell read that makes his blood feel like it's on fire?

A letter written by Novisha's admirer. (p. 6)

8

What time of the year is it?

It's the end of January. (p. 6)

Chapter 2 Questions

1

What is the EAU?

Emergency Assistance Unit (p. 10)

3

How old is Tyrell's brother and what is his name?

Troy is 7 years old (p. 8)

5

How long has Tyrell's family been at the EAU?

2 weeks (p. 10)

7

What is the name of the girl Tyrell meets at the shelter?

Jasmine (p. 11)

2

What observation does Tyrell make about fathers in front of the EAU?

There are none there. Just mothers and children (p. 8)

4

What does Tyrell think when his mother expresses disappointment that Mrs. Jenkins didn't send any food for her?

He hates that she's always thinking everyone always owes her something.

He then asks her if she found a job.

(p. 9)

What does the city do if they can't find a family a place?

They send them to a cheap motel (p. 10) After a few days they go to a Tier II Shelter. (p. 11)

6

8

How does Tyrell describe Jasmine?

Puerto Rican (p. 11) Light skin and long dark hair (p. 11) Acne (p. 11) Nice figure (p. 11) He thinks she likes him (p. 12)

Chapter 3 Questions

1

What does Jasmine do on the EAU bus?

Cry (p. 13)

2

How many stops is the EAU bus going to make?

Three, (p. 13) To different motels. (p. 3)

3

Who is Dante?

Dante is Tyrell's father's friend (p. 14)

4

What are Tyrell's feelings towards Dante? Why?

Tyrell can't stand Dante because he's always trying to get with Tyrell's mom behind his father's back. (14)

5

What does Dante want to do to help Tyrell's family get out of the shelter?

Use Tyrell's father's equipment and give Dante a cut of the earnings (p. 15)

6

Why does Jasmine call Tyrell while he's on the EAU bus?

To remind him about her awards ceremony. (p. 16)

7

Do you think Tyrell will remain faithful to Novisha, or that he'll end up with Jasmine? Why or why not?

8

Why doesn't Tyrell want Jasmine to think he's a good guy?

Because he doesn't want to appear soft. (p. 18)
