

AROUND THE WORLD BOOK BY BOOK with Author Valerie Biel
GENERAL DISCUSSION SHEET

STORY

1. What was your initial reaction to the book? Did you like it right away?
2. What is the main idea of the book?
3. What is your opinion about the topic of this story/how do you feel about the main idea?
4. What was your favorite part?
5. Did the way the story was told impact how much you enjoyed the book?
6. What was the most important event in the story?
7. Who was telling this story?
8. How did you feel about the ending? If you wished it had been different, how would you have changed it?
9. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
10. Would you read more books by this same author? Why or why not?
11. Do you wish there was a sequel to this story?

CHARACTER

12. How are you different from the main character?
13. How are you the same as the main character?
14. How old is the main character?
15. Does the main character have more or less responsibilities than someone their age typically does in your country? What were they?
16. Which character did you relate to the most? Why?
17. How did the characters change throughout the story? How did your opinion of them change?
18. If you could trade places with one of the characters, would you? Why or why not?
19. Was there a character that you didn't like? Why?
20. Who or what is the main character fighting against in the story?
21. What does the main character want and what is standing in their way of getting it?
22. If you had been the main character in this story, would you have acted differently? Explain why or how.
23. Could this story have been told from another character's point of view? Would the story have been different?

SETTING

24. Describe the setting of the story.
25. How is the location of the story different from where you live?
26. Would you want to travel to where the story took place? Why or why not?
27. What made the setting unique?
28. What would have happened if the story took place in a different setting/country? Would the story have been much different?
29. Did this book make you want to learn more about a certain subject or area of the world? Please explain.
30. Explain the most interesting thing you learned from reading this book.