

General questions for use with any picture book

- What choices did the characters face, and why?
- How do these stories help us understand the historical time period?
- What emotions or thoughts does the excerpt evoke?
- Based on the cover, what do you think this book will be about?
- What do the illustrations suggest about the mood or tone of the book?
- Does this book remind you of anything you have read, seen, or experienced before?
- What emotions are the characters experiencing? How do the illustrations help show these emotions?
- How does the setting contribute to the story? What details stand out?
- What do you notice about the way the words and pictures work together?
- How does the author build suspense or keep the reader engaged?
- Are there any repeating patterns, phrases, or symbols? Why do you think the author used them?
- How would you describe the main character? How do they change throughout the story?
- What connections can you make between this story and your own life?
- What was the main message or theme of this book? How do you know?
- Did any part of the story surprise you? Why?
- How did the illustrations contribute to the story's meaning?
- What is one question you still have after reading?
- Why do you think the author chose to tell this story using a picture book format rather than a traditional novel?
- How might this book inspire someone to think or act differently in the real world?
- What do you notice about the illustrations? Do they give any clues about the historical setting?
- Have you heard of any other books, movies, or stories about this event? How might this one be different?
- What details in the text and illustrations help you understand the time period?
- How does this book help you see this historical event from a personal or emotional perspective?
- What role do ordinary people play in this historical moment?
- What information does the author include that might not be in a traditional history textbook?
- How does this book help us understand history in a way that facts alone might not?
- How does this event connect to modern issues or events happening today?
- What lessons can we learn from this historical event?
- How did the people in this story show courage, resilience, or leadership?
- Do you think this book is a good introduction to this historical event? Why or why not?
- What details in the illustrations or text make the event feel real and relatable?
- Why do you think the author chose to write about this event for younger audiences?