

Directions: Read the following questions and assess if you think they are good questions to ask in a discussion. Then turn and talk with your neighbor about what you thought.

Question	Good or Bad?	Why?
Why does Kel go to a new school?		
Why do you think that Arthur doesn't stand up for himself when accused of having an inappropriate relationship with Charlene?		
Are Kel and Arthur responsible and good people?		
Do you think it's important for everyone to have someone to talk to and trust?		

From our brainstorm above, good discussion questions:

- Ask you to think about more than plot
- Ask what you think a character's motivations are
- Ask you to connect your thought or opinions to a character's
- Ask more than a simple yes or no
- Ask something specific in relation to the book
- Uses the question words “why” or “how” or other starters from Bloom's Taxonomy

Class sample discussion questions for Heft:

- Why do Arthur and Charlene feel so connected to each other?
- Compare and contrast Arthur and Kel's masks they use to disguise their true feelings
- Although Arthur and Kel are very different on the outside, how are they similar on the inside?