# **Book club discussion guide**

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How do you structure a book club discussion? We'd recommend dividing your discussion into sections that help drive the conversation. For example, you could spend time on the characters, writing, plot, and overall reception. Depending on the book, you can add sections that reflect what you've read (plot twists, multiple POVs, etc).

#### What to discuss during a book club?

What is the best source for book club discussion questions? If you're looking for book club questions for a specific book, the best place to start is Bookclubs' Book Club Discussion Guide center, which has tailored guides for hundreds of titles.

What is one important guideline for a book club discussion? Make space, take space: Participants should be aware of how much they are speaking. If they feel they are speaking a lot, they should let others speak, and if they find themselves not talking, they should try to contribute some comments, ideas or suggestions.

How to facilitate a good book club discussion? When writing your own book club discussion questions, avoid questions that are too general, like "What did you think of the book?" Also, avoid questions that have simple yes or no answers. You want to ask questions that are open-ended and help people talk about themes and how the book relates to deeper issues.

What are the strategies for book club discussion? Brainstorm issues and questions together and decide which will be the most interesting to discuss. Everyone should voice their opinion with respect and respect the opinions of others in return. Talk about how you felt as you read and reflected on the book. Share from your own experiences and don't speak for others.

What makes a successful book club discussion? Create a solid five questions or discussion topics you hope to cover during the meeting. You may not get to all of them but it will help to keep the conversation flowing. Most books that are suitable for book clubs have discussion guides that you can download as well. Consider doing some research ahead of the meeting.

#### How do you make a book discussion fun?

How long should a book club discussion be? Anything more than once a month, may be overly-ambitious. Also 2-3 hours seems to be the sweet spot. General rule-of-thumb: Plan 30 minutes for food, wine and catching-up with friends, an hour to 90 minutes for a structured discussion and the final 30 minutes for more informal discussion and socializing.

### How to organize a book club meeting?

#### How do you make a book club discussion fun?

How do you start a conversation in a book club? Ask open-ended questions that spur conversation and focus on reflections about the book. There are no right or wrong answers. Encourage others to ask questions or pursue a topic they'd like to explore with the group. The conversation should fly among the participants, not be dominated by one or two people.

How do you structure a conversation club? Conversation club meetings are often very casual and require little planning. Everyone can write down a topic that they want to debate, or you can talk about popular culture and current events. Someone can bring in a newspaper article and everyone can read it together and discuss it.

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