

Book Club Meeting Ice Breakers

Happily ever after the end of the story- Have each participant write an extended ending to the end of the story and read it aloud. Each must answer questions such as: “what is the main character doing in 6 months or 1 year from now?”

“how is the main characters’ life better or worse than it is now?”

“has the main character learned anything new since the original end of the story?”

Whose line is it? Read several lines, phrases, or descriptions from the story out loud, and have players to take turns answering “who said it”, “who did it”, or what the line describes.

Pictionary- Have plenty of blank paper for participants to draw a character, object, or scene from the book. Afterwards, allow participants to take turns guessing what each picture represents.

Write a Diary Entry- Write a diary entry for any character in the story. Write how they are feeling during any specific event that happened in the story. Tell what they wish they could do or what they would like to have happen.

WhoAmI? Write down the names of the characters on index cards – 1 character per card. Pin the cards to the participants’ back without them knowing who the character is. One by one, the participants will then try to guess their character by asking the group yes or no questions. i.e. “Am I tall?”, “Am I a child?” “Do I like dogs?”

Find a friend - Each person writes on a blank index card one to three statements, such as their favorite color, any hobbies that they may enjoy, or the names of their favorite books. Pass out cards so everyone gets someone else's card. Have that person find the person with their card and introduce themselves to each other.

Common Ground – Break the group into smaller groups of 3 - 5 each. Give the groups 5 minutes to write a list of everything they all have in common. When time is up, ask each group how many items they have listed. Have each group to share some of the most interesting items.

Candy Game – Pass a bowl of M&Ms or Skittles around the room, asking each person to take as many as they like of their favorite colors. After everyone has finished, tell them what each color represents (you may want to post where everyone can see it):

- **Red** - Favorite hobbies
- **Green** - Favorite place on earth
- **Blue** - Favorite memory
- **Orange** - Wildcard (tell us anything about yourself!)
- **Yellow** – Favorite subject in school, or favorite book

As each person introduces himself, they must say 1 fact for each candy color they have.

