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# Collaborative Homework Questions

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## SOCIAL ISSUES

### FAIRNESS:

What are you noticing that is not fair in the story?

What person or group do you think is being treated differently or unfairly?

Who is responsible for the unfair treatment in the story?

What are the characters' reactions to the unfair situation?

### GENDER:

Are certain characters treated differently because of their gender?

How are male and female characters portrayed differently?

What stereotypes or prejudices do you notice regarding males and females?

What are the characters' reactions to the gender distinctions?

### RACE:

Are certain characters treated differently because of their race?

What are the characters' reactions to the racial distinctions?

Are certain races portrayed more negatively than others in the book?

What stereotypes or prejudices do you notice regarding males of different races?

### CLASS:

Are characters treated differently because of their class?

What are the characters' reactions to the class inequities?

Are certain classes of people portrayed more negatively than others in the book?

What stereotypes or prejudices do you notice regarding the social classes of the characters in the book?

### POWER:

Which person or group is controlling another person or group?

What are the characters' reactions to the power structure?

Is one individual preventing another from living the way he or she wants to live?

What would have to change to give the characters in the book more control over their own lives?