



CALLIOPE CALLISTO CLARK AND THE Search for Wisdom

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DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR HOME & CLASSROOM USE

Ground Rules for Great Discussions

Remember:

- There are no silly or bad questions!
- Most questions can have more than one reasonable answer
- Listening is as important as speaking

Don't: Tell others that their answers are wrong

Do:

- Ask them what they meant
- Ask them why they think that
- Invite them to give specific examples
- Listen hard to their ideas
- Be brave enough to put forward your own ideas!

WHAT IS JUSTICE?

(Read through chapter 16)

- What is justice? Is it the same thing as fairness?
- Can you give your own definition?
- Can you give examples of things you think are just and unjust? Fair and unfair?
- What do the "just" and "fair" things have in common?
- What do the "unjust" and "unfair" things have in common?

RULES AND LAWS

(Read through chapter 20)

- Is it a good idea that a society has rules and laws for how people should act? Why or why not?
- Should people obey these rules even if they think they are bad or wrong?
- What is an example of a good law? Of a bad law?
- If you think a rule or law is wrong, could you be wrong to think this? What might make you change your mind?
- If you are punished for not obeying a bad law, should you accept the punishment or run away?

THE RING OF INVISIBILITY

(Read through chapter 25)

- If you had a ring that made you invisible, would you do anything you wouldn't do now? Why or why not?
- Do you think most people would act differently if no one saw how they were acting?
- Is the main reason for doing the right thing because otherwise you might get punished?
- What other reasons could there be for doing the right thing?

WHAT'S IN YOUR CONTROL?

(Read through chapter 31)

- What things in life are in your control?
- What things in life are NOT in your control?
- What should you do about the things that are NOT in your control?

BONUS QUESTION ABOUT FRIENDSHIP:

- What makes a good friend?
- Would a good friend always tell you the truth?
- Might they tell you a lie to help you feel better?
- Would a good friend ever do a wrong thing to help you? Why or why not?

NOTE

Feel free to revisit
questions as you
continue reading.
Answers may evolve
as the story unfolds!

