

General Discussion Questions on Adolescence

What role does friendship play in shaping adolescent identity in literary works?

In what ways do adolescent characters negotiate independence while still being tied to family expectations?

Adolescence is often marked by intense emotions. How do authors use style (tone, imagery, narrative voice) to capture this intensity?

How is peer pressure depicted in adolescent literature, and what does it reveal about societal values?

In what ways do adolescent characters learn resilience through failure or disappointment?

Why do you think so many popular works center on adolescence?

Do you think literature about adolescence is more valuable to adolescent readers themselves or to adults reflecting on their own pasts? Why?