

General Discussion Questions on Search for Meaning

Why do you think the search for meaning is such a common literary theme across cultures and time periods?

How do life's hardships, suffering, or loss often trigger the search for meaning?

Is meaning something external that must be discovered, or something internal that must be created?

What obstacles prevent the character from finding meaning in their life or world?

How does the tone (hopeful, tragic, absurd) of the work affect its message about meaning?

How might the reader's own search for meaning be influenced by engaging with this text?