

General Discussion Questions on Coming of Age

What event or realization marks the character's transition from childhood to adulthood?

Is it a single moment or a gradual process?

Which relationships are most important in shaping the character's identity?

Family? Friends? Mentors? Rivals?

What illusions or beliefs does the protagonist have at the beginning?

How do these illusions get challenged?

What "loss of innocence" occurs in the story?

Is it portrayed positively, negatively, or ambiguously?

What fears hold the character back from growing up?

What role does failure play in the character's maturation?