

### Suggested Book Club Questions - Non-Fiction

#### **Basic Questions**

1. What was the intent or objective of this book? Did it explain or entertain? Give examples.
2. Before reading this title, what did group members know about the subject?
3. Did the book address an issue? If so, were all sides covered fairly or was the author biased?
4. Does anyone feel they learned something new? If yes, what? If no, why do they think that is so?
5. What was surprising about the facts contained in this book?
6. Was there a section of the book that had an impact on the reader? Was it good or bad? Share parts of that section and its impact.

#### **Writing/Language**

1. Did the way the book was written affect the reader's enjoyment or ability to understand the subject? Give examples.
2. Was the language the author used appropriate? Give examples.
3. Were the terms and concepts explained well? Give examples.

#### **Drawing a Conclusion**

1. Did anyone's opinions on the subject change due to information contained in this book? Has your interest in the subject matter increased? How so?
2. Compared to other books your group has read, did this title or author live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
3. Can any "life lessons" be learned from this story or subject? Was your outlook changed in a positive or negative way? Explain.
4. What is your final impression of the book as a whole? The subject?
5. What other books or authors would you recommend on this subject?

#### **Additional Questions - Specific to Biographies**

1. What is the individual's most commendable quality? Their worst? Is this individual someone you would want to know or have known?
2. Has this individual generated change? Examine what might have been different without his or her influence.