When creating discussion questions, you should be sure your discussion questions meet the following criteria:

* Use a strong (sometimes debatable) verb
* Does not have a “yes/no” answer….answer should require textual evidence
* Is debatable
* Makes us critically think

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| **Definitions** | Comprehension | Application | Analysis | Synthesis | Evaluation |
| **Bloom’s****Definition** | Demonstrate anunderstanding ofthe facts. | Apply knowledgeto actualsituations. | Break down objects or ideasinto simpler partsand find evidenceto supportgeneralizations. | Compilecomponentideas into a newwhole orproposealternativesolutions. | Make and defendjudgments basedon internalevidence orexternal criteria. |
| **Verbs** | Classify•Defend• Describe• Discuss• Distinguish• Explain• Express• Give example(s)• Identify• Indicate• Infer• Paraphrase• Predict• Review• Summarize | Apply• Choose• Demonstrate• Illustrate• Interpret• Predict• Relate• Schedule• Show•  | Analyze• Breakdown• Categorize• Compare• Contrast• Criticize• Differentiate• Distinguish• Examine• Identify• Illustrate• Infer• Relate | • Categorize• Combine• Develop• Explain• Formulate• Relate•Summarize• Synthesize• Tell | Appraise• Argue• Assess• Choose• Compare• Conclude• Contrast• Defend• Describe• Evaluate• Explain• Judge• Justify• Interpret• Relate• Predict• Summarize• Support |

1. Create one comprehension question about a topic in chapters 2 & 3 (be sure to use one of the comprehension verbs).
2. Create a discussion question regarding the theme of humanity to a specific selection from chapters 2 & 3.
3. Create a discussion question surrounding one of the essential question ideas.
4. Create a discussion question regarding a character that would require the use of textual evidence to answer.
5. Create an inference question regarding either theme, character or vocabulary.