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 an  understanding of  the facts. | Apply knowledge  to actual  situations. | Break down objects or ideas  into simpler parts  and find evidence  to support  generalizations. | Compile  component  ideas into a new  whole or  propose  alternative  solutions. | Make and defend  judgments based  on internal  evidence or  external 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.