

Discussion Questions & Shared Inquiry Notes : *Zeitoun*, Book I

Name _____ Date of Discussion _____ Hr: _____

Question #1: In your opinion, was Kathy and Zeitoun's decision to part ways as the hurricane approached the most reasonable? Why or why not?

Thoughts Before Discussion

Thoughts During Discussion

Question #2: After 9/11, Kathy felt like "an exile in her own country" (46). Based on the text, did 9/11 affect Kathy and Zeitoun differently? How so?

Thoughts Before Discussion

Thoughts During Discussion

Question #3: What is the significance of Kathy's faith journey (57-68) in context of Book I? Why does Eggers include it?

Thoughts Before Discussion

Thoughts During Discussion

Question #4: Zeitoun was told that "the three things God *most* hated" were murder, divorce, and waste (48). Do you agree with this claim? Are these the three things that most destroy society?

Self Evaluation from Shared Inquiry

How well did you stay on topic and talk about the text?
☐ It was difficult for me to talk about the text. (1)
☐ I stayed on topic and I talked about ideas connected to the reading. (2)
☐ I talked about the text in a lot of detail and used evidence from the text to support my opinions. (3)
☐ I talked about the text in a lot of detail and was able to connect ideas from other comments. I referred to specific passages and page numbers from the text to support my opinions. (4)
How well did you participate?
☐ I didn't share my thoughts on any of the prompts. (1)
☐ I shared one or two thoughts when asked directly. (2)
☐ I voluntarily participated in the discussion. I responded respectfully to my classmates. (3)
☐ I voluntarily participated in the discussion by responding specifically and respectfully to my classmates; I asked interpretive question or offered a new perspective that made the discussion stronger. (4)
How well did you listen?
☐ I wasn't really paying attention. I was distracted (conversations with peers, phone, etc.). (1)
☐ I listened to the discussion but was not always ready to respond. I made a few side comments but maintained respect for the group. (2)
☐ I was actively listening with my body language and respectful demeanor for most of the discussion. I was able to respond most of the time. (3)
☐ It was obvious that I was actively listening with my body language and my respectful demeanor; I did not make any side comments. I was able to respond specifically to other comments because I was listening carefully. (4)

Discussion: _____/12

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Notes: _____/3

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Total: _____/15

Teacher Comments: