

Senior English
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The Stranger
Part 1, chapters 2-4

You will start in small groups today. Share your responses to the book overall then move into the questions below. After 15 minutes of discussion, each person in the group will write their own paragraph response to one of the questions below from each chapter (e.g. Joe writes about ch.2, question 3 and ch.3, question 1; other people in the group choose different questions). Each person in the group needs to write about a different question for each chapter. For each brief response (3-4 sentences), the paragraph must use textual evidence. By the way if you have another question about one of these chapters you'd like to write about, feel free to do that!

Next, read chapter 4 individually. Write a short response to that chapter, linking it to an idea raised in one or both of your earlier answers.

I will collect these, so please write it on something you can submit.

Chapter two:

1. What does this chapter suggest about Meursault's relationship with Marie? What do they mean to each other? What does he think about the way he acts with her?
2. What role does time play for Meursault?
3. Is Meursault a lonely or empty character? In what ways?
4. Look at the last line of chapter two, then think about how chapter one began – how has your thinking of him developed over these two chapters? What sentiment is he expressing in these closing words?

Chapter three:

1. What is the point of Camus' including a chapter of this sort -- one in which we are introduced to several of Meursault's friends and acquaintances?
2. Meursault describes his meeting with Salamano and his old dog. What is Salamano's relationship with his dog? How does that relationship similar to / different from the way Meursault lives his life?
3. Meursault describes his friendship with Raymond Sintes. What explanation does Sintes give for the fight he has had with an Arab man -- what isn't quite honest about the order in which he tells his story? How does Meursault react to the story and to Sintes' offer of friendship?

4. What do you make of Meursault's actions, such as washing his hands or leaping onto the truck?