

## Clue Card for Independent Reading Discussion

SOMETIMES your teacher will say: “**Hey** (your name), **How** is your book going?”

And then... (*yikes!*)...everyone turns to look and you aren't 100% sure what to say. Has that ever happened to you? Whew...it sure has happened to me!



Here's a little **clue card** to help you remember things you might want to say when your name is called.

***“Wait, what?” (not recommended as an answer)***

Soooo....how can you come up with a good answer when you're called on? Here are some questions to get you thinking...



- Did something you read in your book remind you of something that's happening in your own life?
- Did something in your book remind you of another book you've read?
- Has the main character changed at all since you started reading your book? Is that surprising? Annoying? Is it a good thing? Why?
- What is the main thing your book is about? **Not what's happening** in the story...what's the whole **IDEA** behind the story? Is it about love ❤️? Or friendship? Is it good vs. evil? Is it about growing up? (hint, hint....this is actually the “theme” of your book, which teachers end up asking you about over and over and over and over....😞)
- Which character is telling the story to you as you read? Do you wish a different character was telling the story? How would that make it different?
- Do you have any unanswered questions about the story? What are they?



- Did the author use certain words or phrases (language) to create a **feeling** →→→→→→→→↗ or a ←←**picture** in your mind? What words did the author use and what did the picture in your mind (or feeling you had) end up to be?

