

What Do *You* Think?

Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions at the dinner table about your day? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question, and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. How would you feel if you were Anne arriving at a new town and meeting a new family for the first time?

2. Mrs. Lynde thought Marilla and Matthew were taking a big risk in adopting a child. What was the biggest risk you've ever taken? When is taking risks important?

3. Anne believes that her red hair is different and ugly. Is that what we would believe today? What part of your appearance do you like best?

4. Anne likes to give new names to things. For instance, she calls a small road "the White Way of

Delight.” Why do you think she does this? Have you ever made up names for things? Try renaming something near your house or school.

5. When Anne is told about meeting a new friend, she feels such excitement that she is afraid that she will be disappointed. Do you remember when you met your best friend? How did you feel? Did you know right away you would be friends?

6. Anne is full of nervous excitement when she arrives at her new school. What is the most excited you have ever felt?

7. Anne’s green hair leads to all sorts of problems. Have you ever tried to make changes in your appearance that led to disastrous results? Why do you think Anne tried to dye her hair?

8. Both Diana and Anne think about what their lives will be like once they leave school. What do you think your life will be like in five, ten, or fifteen years?

9. Anne is an optimist. She always sees the positive side of things. Do you think you are an optimist?

10. What three words would you use to describe Anne? What three words would you use to describe yourself? How are you and Anne alike? How are you different?