

Questions for Jerry Spinelli Choice Book

You will become your protagonist and meet in groups. You should be prepared to discuss and record your responses to the following questions. You should be able to discuss these without referring to notes.

1. Introduce yourself to your group. Things to think about:
 - gender
 - age
 - family situation/members
 - social class (poor, middle class, wealthy)
 - time period in which you live
 - where you live; what it's like there
 - interests/talents
 - positive character traits/qualities
 - flaws (negative traits)
 - conflicts (problems you have)
 - education level
 - daily activities
 - how you feel about yourself and your situation
 - other important information.
2. What does "survival" mean to you? Are you trying to survive against forces of nature, society, individuals, or yourself? Explain your struggle.
3. Are you determined to "survive" or ready to give up? Explain.
4. What does "hope" mean to you? Do you have hope or lack it?
5. What does "courage" mean to you? Do you have courage or lack it?
6. Of what are you most proud? Explain.
7. For what or to whom are you most grateful? Explain.
8. How have you changed for the better?
9. What taught you more – suffering and overcoming obstacles or being rewarded for doing well? Explain.
10. Is life fair? Explain.
11. Would you change place with the reader (you) if you could? Explain.