BLM 2 – Literature Circle Discussion Questions

To extend the discussion during your literature circle group meeting, here are some additional questions you can use:

- 1. What is the significance of the title? Would you have given the book a different title? If yes, what is your title?
- 2. What were the themes of the book? Do you feel they were adequately explored? How were they brought to life?
- 3. Describe the structure and style of the writing.
- 4. What scene was the most pivotal for the book? How do you think the story would have changed had that scene not taken place?
- 5. What scene resonated most with you personally in either a positive or negative way? Why?
- 6. What surprised you the most about the book?
- 7. Were there any notable racial, cultural, traditions, gender, sexuality or socioeconomic factors at play in the book? If so, what? How did they affect the characters? Do you think they were realistically portrayed?
- 8. What is motivating the actions of the characters in the story? What do the other characters want from the main character and what does the main character want with them?
- 9. What were the dynamics of "power" between the characters? How did that play a factor in their interactions?
- 10. How does the way the characters see themselves differ from how others see them? How do you see the various characters?
- 11. Were there any moments where you disagreed with the choices of any of the characters? What would you have done differently?
- 12. What past influences are shaping the actions of the characters in the story?
- 13. Did you think the ending was appropriate? How would you have liked to have seen the ending go?
- 14. How have the characters changed by the end of the book?
- 15. Have any of your views or thoughts changed after reading this book?