

## General Discussion Questions on Isolation

**How does the author use setting to enhance the theme of isolation?**

Does physical isolation (like a remote location) mirror emotional or psychological isolation?

**In what ways do characters experience isolation—physically, emotionally, or socially?**

Are these types of isolation interconnected?

**How does isolation affect the character's mental state and behavior?**

Can isolation lead to self-discovery, madness, or transformation?

**Does the narrative suggest that isolation is a choice or a circumstance forced upon the character?**

How does this distinction influence our sympathy toward the character?

**How do characters attempt to overcome isolation?**

What strategies or relationships help or hinder this process?