

General Discussion Questions on Coming-of-Age

What event or experience marks the turning point in the protagonist's journey from childhood to adulthood?

How does this moment change their outlook or behavior?

How do family relationships influence the protagonist's growth?

Are these relationships supportive, strained, or transformational?

What internal conflicts does the protagonist face as they mature?

How are these resolved by the end of the story, if at all?

How do friendships shape the protagonist's identity?

Are friendships lost or gained as part of the coming-of-age process?

In what ways does the setting reflect or contrast the character's internal development?

Consider symbolic places like schools, homes, cities, or natural spaces.

What role does societal or cultural expectation play in the character's coming-of-age?

How does the character conform to or rebel against these norms?

