

General Discussion Questions on Truth and Happiness

Is truth always necessary for happiness?

Can ignorance ever be blissful in a meaningful or lasting way?

Does pursuing truth lead to suffering or fulfillment?

Think of characters who seek the truth—do they gain peace, or does knowledge burden them?

Can a lie ever be justified if it brings happiness?

Are there examples in literature where deception leads to a better outcome?

Is happiness possible in a world without truth?

How do dystopian novels portray societies built on lies?

In what ways do characters deceive themselves to maintain happiness?

What does literature suggest about the long-term effects of such self-deception?

Does the pursuit of personal happiness justify rejecting uncomfortable truths about the world or oneself?