

Name _____ Due _____ Meeting # _____

Literature Circle Discussion Questions
Use G-1a to help you write your questions.

Directions: Record 4 open-ended questions about the assigned pages you want to discuss with your group. These should be questions that allow for different perspectives and ideas, which can be supported with evidence from the text. Do NOT write factual questions (from *The Bean Trees*: Where does Taylor work? How does Taylor feel about Estevan? How does Taylor come to have Turtle?) **Write questions about parts of the text that are ambiguous or unclear. If you can look up the answer in the text, then it is not a good question.** When asking questions about specific scenes, make sure to include the context (the situation, setting & speaker or characters involved). No credit is earned for questions that could apply to any book (How do you like the book? What do you think of the main character?).

Question #1	Question #2
Question #3	Question #4

After Your Meeting

Directions: Choose **one** of your questions and write an 7-8 sentence paragraph responding to it.

Topic Sentence: Rewrite your question into the form of a sentence that makes a claim. Avoid phrases like “I think” and “In my opinion.” Make sure to use character names (instead of pronouns like he and she).

Transition: Provide more details and thoughts about the answer to your question.

Evidence (Integrated Quote): When (describe setting & situation), the author/name of character says, “line from the text” (#).

Analysis (3-4 sentences) – use the back of G-8

Do not repeat what is already revealed in the quote. Instead, discuss stylistic devices (connotations, similes/ metaphors, personification, opposites, etc.) patterns, inferences & ties to other parts of the text.

Closing: Restate your claim in a different way as you sum up your ideas.
