



Book Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### AGENDA

**Socializing and Snacks** (30-45 minutes)

**Welcome, Announcements and Reminders** (15-20 minutes)

**Book Discussion** (60-90 minutes)

(Note: Use these questions to give you ideas and develop discussion topics that seem to work best for your group and book—or choose among those that may have been provided by the publisher. As moderator, you can encourage consensus up to a point. Try to ensure all voices are heard, but don't be too rigid keeping people on topic. It's likely that you won't get through all the potential topics for discussion.)

#### ✓ The Characters

- Which character do you identify with? Which do you *admire or dislike*?
- Why do certain characters *act the way they do*? What *motivates* them?
- Who in this book would you most *like* to meet? What would you ask—or say?

#### ✓ The Story, the Plot and Your Experience

- Is the *plot well developed*? Is it believable? Did the author leave any loose ends?
- Who told the story? Is there *one point of view* or many?
- Does the book *remind you of someone*—or something—in your own life?

#### ✓ Title, Themes, Style and Symbolism

- How does the title *relate to the book*? Can you pick out a passage that's profound or interesting—or perhaps sums up the central issue of the book?

- What did you think of the *author's writing style*? Was it annoying? Neutral? Dead on?
- What types of *symbolism* do you find? How do characters relate with symbolic objects?

#### ✓ The Ending

- Did you *expect the ending* or did it *surprise* you?
- Was the ending *satisfying*? If you could *rewrite the ending*, would you?
- If you were to *talk to the author*, what would you want to know?

#### ✓ Do You Want to Read More?

- What is the *future of the characters' lives*? Do you know if the author plans a sequel?
- Would it *make a good movie*? Is there a film adaptation of this book?
- Do you think people will still be reading it in 10 years, 50 years or 100 years?

### Closing (10 minutes)

- Share *thoughts and reflections* about the gathering
- Next meeting (Select a book, a location, a host and plan refreshments, as needed)
- Thanks for coming!