

Discussion Prompts for *Sincerely Yours, Mrs. Taylor-Wash*

General Discussion Questions:

1. Which poem did you enjoy the most? What did you like about it?
2. Of the five haikus on page 53, which one speaks to you the most? Why?
3. Is there a poem that was difficult to understand? Discuss the possible meaning of this poem with the group?
4. If you could interview the author about a poem from the book, which poem would it be? What would you ask her about the poem?

Questions by Topic:

Anxiety and Depression

- Earth Tones p.19
 - Gray Flowers p. 29
 - Wondering What the Future Holds p. 37
 - A Different Type of Pain p. 91
 - I'm Better p. 93
1. What stands out to you about these poems?
 2. Who did the author write these poems for?
 3. What is the difference between anxiety and depression?
 4. Talk about an activity that helps you when you start to feel depressed or anxious.

Faith

- Thorn p.4
- Believer p. 23
- Maze p. 76
- A Renewed Spirit p. 51

1. What stands out to you about these poems?
2. Who did the author write these poems for?
3. What do you think is the greatest challenge young believers face?
4. “You will run into obstacles in life, but if you want something, you have to keep a good attitude about it, stay persistent, and it will be yours.” Discuss whether you agree or disagree with this quote.

Empathy and Hardship

- You Saw Too Much p. 3
- CPS p. 9
- Child Souljers p. 65
- C.J. p. 69
- You Too Were New p. 73

1. What stands out to you about these poems?
2. Who did the author write these poems for?
3. What is the difference between empathy and sympathy?