

Final discussion on *Educated*

Starter questions

1. What are your final thoughts on the book?
2. What do you think you learned, reading the book?

Video #1: How the worst moments in our lives make us who we are (Andrew Solomon)

3. What did you think of this video?
4. If we happiness and meaning go hand in hand with heartbreak, it means we cannot have one without the other. Looking at your future, would you prefer a life with more happiness and more heartbreak, or a more “boring” life with little happiness and heartbreak?
5. Andrew Solomon talks about of identity politics, that when done well, it doesn’t have to feel like exclusion, but that it can help everyone understand one part of what it means to be human. Is there one type of identity politics, one group, that you feel support for in particular?

Questions about the last parts of the book

6. Tara has a lot of moments when she moves away from her family. Do you think she was right to do that?
7. Tara also has a lot of moments when she connects with them, comes back in some way. What do you think about that?
8. What do you think is more important, your education and career, or your current circle of family and friends? Do you think you can keep both, growing up, or will you have to choose?
9. Do you sometimes think about really moving away to pursue a world-class education and career? Would you like to go to Cambridge, for example, or maybe to Montreal or Sherbrooke?