

# OPLbery Club



Be prepared to discuss the following:

- **Interpretation of the theme or concept**—What is the main theme (the big idea or message) of the book? How well does the author write about this theme?
- **Presentation of information, including accuracy, clarity, and organization**—Does the book make sense? Is it easy to understand? Are the facts in the book true?
- **Development of plot**—Does the plot (what happens in the story) make sense? Does the plot move quickly or slowly? Or does it move too quickly or too slowly? Does the ending feel right? Or is the ending too abrupt or tie things up too easily? Does the ending leave too many unanswered questions?
- **Representation of characters**—How real are the characters? Are they believable? How much do you know about them? Can you picture them?
- **Representation of setting**—Where does the book take place? Is the setting important to the story or not? If it is, how does the author create the feeling of place? Does this place feel real?
- **Appropriateness of style and tone**—How does the style of the writing contribute to the book? If the author has written a mystery, did the author write so that you weren't quite sure what was happening? Did the author make you feel scared? If the book is supposed to be funny, did it make you laugh?