



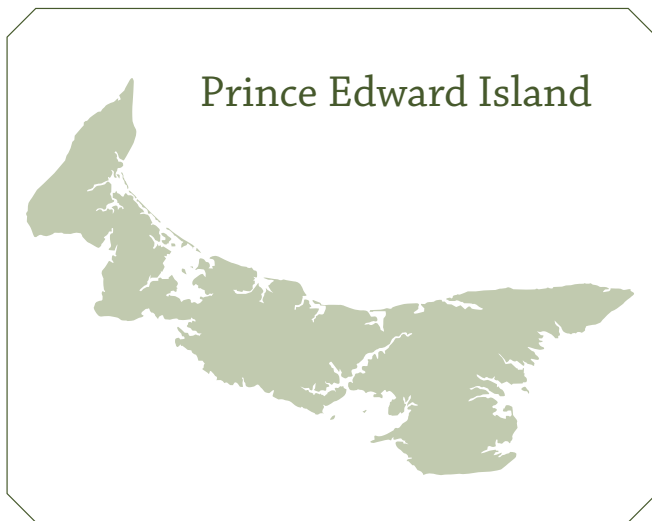
Anne of Green Gables: Pre-Reading Discussion Prompts



Share the following background information about *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery. Then, choose from the prompts below to guide students in discussion before they begin reading the novel.

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery is a coming-of-age story about an imaginative, spirited eleven-year-old orphan girl. This story, published in 1908, is set on Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province. This beloved novel is considered a classic and is the first in a series of eight novels.

- A coming-of-age story follows a main character as they transition from childhood to young adulthood. What other books or movies feature coming-of-age stories?
- This novel takes place in the late 1800s. How do you think life was different for kids growing up then compared to today? How was life different for women back then?
- The descriptions of the trees, flowers, hills, woods, and water on Prince Edward Island play a big role in the novel. What places—natural or otherwise—are special to you? Choose one, and use descriptive words and phrases to describe it.



- What does “family” mean to you? Do you think you have to be related to someone by blood to consider that person a part of your family? Explain your answer.
- “Kindred spirit” is a term used to refer to someone you have a special connection with, often someone who has similar beliefs and attitudes that you do. Who in your life would you consider a “kindred spirit”? Explain why you have a special connection with this person.