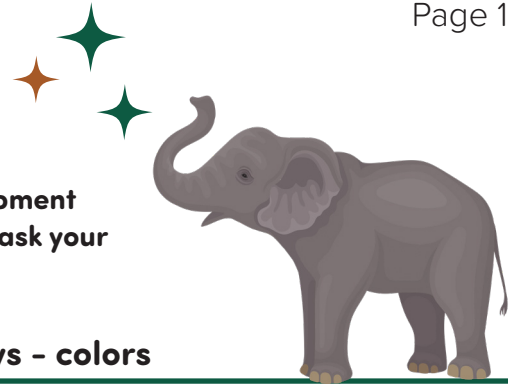


# THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN: NOVEL DISCUSSION GUIDE #3



Encourage critical thinking and support your students' literacy development by asking questions during reading. Here are some questions you can ask your readers to engage them in a discussion.

## Chapters: nine thousand eight hundred and seventy-six days - colors

### Comprehension

- ✦ How long has Ivan been living with humans?
- ✦ Where does Ivan mark all the days he's been living with humans?
- ✦ Why does Ruby stop during training?
- ✦ Why does Mack take out the claw-stick?
- ✦ How does Ruby react to the claw-stick?
- ✦ What does Julia give Ivan?

### Analysis

- ✦ When Mack says, "It's time for a new beginning," what does he mean?
- ✦ Why do Julia, Ivan, and Bob keep a close eye on Ruby while she works with Mack?
- ✦ Describe George's feelings about helping Ruby.

### Personal Connection

- ✦ Describe a time when you were unsure of how to handle a situation. What was happening, and what were the different ways you could have handled it? Why was it hard to make a decision about what to do?

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## Chapters: a bad dream - another ivan

### Comprehension

- ✦ What was Ruby dreaming about?
- ✦ What is Ruby worried about?
- ✦ What story does Ivan tell Ruby to help her go back to sleep?
- ✦ What is a zoo, according to Ivan?
- ✦ Ivan says, "I feel as if I could sleep for a thousand days." What does that mean?
- ✦ What does Ivan remember?

### Analysis

- ✦ Why does Ivan tell Ruby that "it's not a domain, it's a cage"?
- ✦ Describe the different sides to Ivan.
- ✦ How is Ivan feeling about the promise he made to Stella?

### Personal Connection

- ✦ Describe a time when you felt determined to do something, even if it was going to be challenging.

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## Chapters: days - one more thing

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### Comprehension

- ✦ How does Ivan spend his days and nights?
- ✦ Where does Ivan hide his paintings?
- ✦ Why does Ivan hide his paintings from Mack?
- ✦ In what ways is Mack trying to save money? How does this impact the animals?
- ✦ How does Bob feel about Ivan's night painting?
- ✦ What new picture does Ivan decide to paint?

### Analysis

- ✦ After Mack finds the paintings for Ruby, why does Ivan imagine what it would feel like to be the sheriff?
- ✦ Why does Ivan keep changing the details on his painting?
- ✦ How has Ivan changed as an artist?

### Personal Connection

- ✦ Think about the movies or TV commercials you have seen. Which movies or commercials stand out in your mind, and why? What do they make you feel?

## Chapters: the seven o'clock show - showing julia

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### Comprehension

- ✦ Why does Julia sigh while she does her homework?
- ✦ Describe what happens to Bob when Ivan leaps up in his cage.
- ✦ What does Ivan say is the reason for Bob not being on the billboard?
- ✦ What does Ivan do when he is nervous?
- ✦ Why does Ivan want to show Julia his painting?
- ✦ How does Julia respond when she first looks at Ivan's paintings?

### Analysis

- ✦ What is the most likely reason that Mack reaches for the claw-stick when Ruby stumbles during the seven o'clock show?
- ✦ What does Ivan realize about words after listening to Julia and George's conversation about Julia's homework?
- ✦ Bob says that "home" is not an important word. Why do you think he believes that?

### Personal Connection

- ✦ If you had to choose the most important word, what would it be? Why?