10 Questions for Compositions on Set Texts or Readers.

Students can do one or more of these for homework. Alternatively, they could brainstorm ideas around a question (especially if they have read the same book) and plan an essay in class, then write it for homework. Lots of these questions are based on questions from the set text for the FCE (First Certificate Exam of English).

1. Describe your favourite character in the book and say why you find her or him attractive.
2. Imagine that you spent a day as one of the characters in the book. Describe some of the things that happened to you.
3. Write a letter recommending the book to a friend and say why you think he or she would like it.
4. Imagine you could meet one of the people from the book. Who would you choose? What kind of relationship would you have with that person?
5. In what ways is the time period in which the book was set significant to the story?
6. Describe an important moment in the book, when something happens that affects everything else.
7. Describe a place which is important in the story, and explain why it is significant.
8. Describe a situation or event in the book which you found amusing, moving or frightening.
9. “A good book makes you care about its characters and what happens to them.” Do you agree? Is it true for the book you have read?
10. Did you like the ending of the book? Was there another possible ending? What is another way the book could have ended?