

The Island by Armin Greder - Book Talk

Questions

1. Why would a book like this be written?
2. Who is it intended for?
3. From whose perspective is being told?
4. Why do you think the Islanders were so afraid of the newcomer?
5. The Islanders think that life is better if everyone on the island is similar. Eating the same foods, wearing the same kinds of clothes and looking similar. Do you agree with the Islanders?
6. Do you think this story could be based on real life? Why do you think that?
7. Do you think the Islanders were correct about any of the things they thought about the newcomer?
8. Do you think strangers coming to Ireland could face any of these problems?

Themes

Discrimination

Identity

Immigration

Objectives

- infer from the text the feelings of different characters in the book.
- make eye contact with other members of the discussion group during discussion.
- speak aloud in a voice that is audible to other listeners.
- pose "I wonder questions" from the book.

Target Language

difference, stereotypes, perspective, author's purpose, I agree with____
because, I disagree with____ because,

Additional Activities

Writing on the Wall