**Novel Group Discussion Prompts**

1. Author’s Biography
* Research about your author. What biographical information and / or ideas are presented in this novel?
* Research the context of the novel. What events affected the writing of this novel?
1. Character Analysis
* What basic and (more importantly) deeper understanding is important to know about the main characters in the novel?
* Where / how is this presented by the author?
* What symbols and/or themes are associated with the characters?
* What do the characters represent?
1. Theme / Motif Analysis
* What are the main themes of the novel?
* How and why are they presented in the novel? What impact do they have on the reader?
* What symbols and imagery is used? What impact does it have on the reader? How does it emphasize other elements of the story?
1. Historical Setting
	* How does the novel present the setting? Is there historical accuracy?
	* How does this story tell a different account of this history?
2. Gender Roles
	* How does the novel present and challenge gender roles for men and women?
	* How does the character(s) conform/react to gender norms? Is he/she a victim or victimized?
	* How do the relationships between the characters demonstrate gender roles in society?
3. Revenge Narrative
	* What role does revenge play in the novel? How does it affect the lives of the characters?
	* Which characters are victims, heroes, and villains?
	* What morals and values are being presented in the narratives of the novel?
4. Reflection
	* Make connections between this novel and yourself, the media, and/or our world.
	* What did you dislike or find uncomfortable about this novel? Why?
	* What was your favourite part about this novel? Why?
	* What can the reader learn from your novel?
	* What lasting impressions were left after reading this text?
5. Discussion Questions
	* Prepare 3 discussion questions for the group seminar.