**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.