

Non-Fiction Discussion Questions

THE IDEAS

- ⌚ WHAT was it about? What were the main points? Did you learn something? Were you surprised by anything? What? Were there connections to other things you have seen or read? Were the ideas supported by facts?
- ⌚ WHICH ideas were most important to you? Why? Has it changed your opinion? Why?
- ⌚ HOW will you implement the ideas in your life? How did it compare or connect to other things you have seen or read?
- ⌚ WHY was it created? Is there a need for it? Does it respond to current events? Is there a reason why this subject is popular now?



OPINIONS

- ⌚ What was the best thing about it? Why? Are there problems with it? Are there changes you would suggest to make it more effective?
- ⌚ Did you have expectations of it? If so, did it live up to them? Did it succeed in its intent? Was it interesting, insightful, inspiring, and clear? Was it organized well? Is the information accurate and useful? Were there too many or too few details? If you read reviews, did you agree or disagree with them?
- ⌚ Was there a return on investment for watching or reading it?
- ⌚ Would you recommend this to others? Why or why not?

THE AUTHOR

- ⌚ WHO is the author and are they an expert in this field? What do you know about the author? Have you seen other things by the author? Does the author have a new idea? Is it a balanced view? If not, where is it most obvious? Are there any weaknesses in the author's case?

Based on [Business Book Discussion Questions \(pdf\)](#), a compilation of general discussion questions that can be applied to any business book from Waukesha County Federated Library System, created by Laurie Freund.

Aristotle's 3 questions:

WHAT did the author say? HOW did they say it? Was it WORTH Saying?

Mortimer Adler's 3 questions:

WHAT did the author say? WHAT did they mean? HOW TRUE is it?