



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHOOL PREVIEW EDITION OF
BROKEN WORLDS BY ANITHA ROBINSON

Literary Concepts:

1. What techniques does the author use to engage the reader in the beginning?
2. What are the pros and cons of this story being written in present tense?
3. Identify the primary and secondary characters.
4. What type of protagonist is used? (hero, anti-hero, etc.)
5. What techniques does the author use to develop Kalli's character?
6. Which of Kalli's characteristics are directly presented? Which are indirectly presented?
7. What are the pros and cons of writing a story from the first person point of view?
8. Have we met the antagonist yet? If you say yes, who do you think that person is?
9. What does it look like the primary conflict is going to be?
10. What overall themes are present in this selection of the work?
11. Name the plot points that occur in the selection.
12. Where do you think the story is going to go?
13. Name at least one subplot. How do you think it will be resolved?

Character Concepts:

1. Kalli and her aunt are from different cultures. How does that affect their relationship? How does it affect Kalli's relationship with each of her parents?
2. Given Kalli's history of physical abuse, is her reaction to Ellis or Fallon more realistic? Explain.
3. Do you think Kalli's trust of Ellis is a sign of her weakness or strength? Explain.
4. Do you question Ellis's motivation to help Kalli? Why?
5. What would be the top five songs in Kalli's playlist and why?
6. Should every mistake be forgiven? Under what circumstances, if any, should Kalli forgive Sita and her parents for the abuse?
7. Do you like Kalli? Is it important for you to like the characters you read about?
8. Were you able to relate to the anger and betrayal Kalli felt when her cat was taken from her?
9. Kalli makes a vague reference to Gandhi's quote—"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."—as a reason to trust Ellis. Do you agree? Why?
10. Kalli ran away to escape her abusive home. Did she have any other options?
11. Have you disagreed with any of the choices of the characters? What would you have done differently?
12. Do you think it was appropriate for Ellis to take Kalli back to his place? Why?
13. Ellis saved Kalli. Do you think her attraction to him is a normal 'hero worship' type response? Why?