

Forest of Reading – White Pine Award
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Activity #1 – Discussion Questions



- 1) The novel is written in verse as opposed to prose. Did you feel this allowed for the story to be told more effectively? Why or why not?

- 2) Human trafficking happens all over the world including in Canada for different reasons. Have you ever come across stories, either in the news or in other books, about the topic? Was this your first interaction with the subject? Did the novel make you want to find out more information?

- 3) From when Brittany first meets Thabo, she knows he needs help and she jumps into action. Did you agree or disagree with how Brittany went about getting Thabo help and how she spoke about Thabo? Explain your reasons.

- 4) The novel is told from the perspectives of six characters: Thabo, Brittany, Leah, Kevin, Ms. Nelson, and the Reverend. Did you enjoy switching between the different viewpoints? Why or why not? Would you have preferred less or more characters to be included? Was there a viewpoint you would have preferred to see?