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Let's Get Ready to Read!

Dear Parents and Educators,

This guide will help your reader explore, examine, and engage with the novel *I, Emma Freke* by Elizabeth Atkinson. The included activities will strengthen their reading comprehension skills and provide them with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Your reader will develop their own points of view on the book and its characters as they analyze the text in more structured and detailed ways. Help your reader on their reading journey by periodically checking in with them while they are reading the book, asking and answering questions along the way, and offering guidance and support, as needed. Be sure to read through the following page for helpful instructional ideas.

On this page, you will find discussion questions to ask your reader when they have finished the book as well as some fun activities to help foster your reader's love of reading!

Just 4 Fun!

- Work with other parents or teachers to arrange a book club meeting so your reader can discuss the book with peers. Provide a comfy, cool setting and some yummy treats!
- Set up a book nook! Find a quiet corner. Add a few blankets and pillows. Maybe grab a beanbag chair or poof! Be sure there is a lamp or overhead light and—*voila!*—you have a nifty nook any reader would love.
- Challenge your reader to become one of the characters in the book for an interview. Have your reader dress the part. Then, have them answer your questions as that character.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think the author is trying to tell us with this book?
2. Could this story be true? Could it really happen?
3. In what ways are you like the main characters? In what ways are you different?
4. What is your favorite part of the story? Tell me all about it!
5. Would you recommend this book to your friends? What would you tell them to get them to read it or not to read it?

Name: _____

DURING READING

Follow the Clues

Directions: As you read *I, Emma Freke*, use this graphic organizer to keep track of clues that help you understand Emma's thoughts and feelings.

