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discussion guide.



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Before Reading Questions:

1. Can you think of some topics that are difficult to discuss? Why are they challenging?
2. Why is it important for us to have conversations about tough topics like racism?
3. Remember a time when you noticed someone being treated unfairly. What happened?

During Reading Questions:

4. How would you describe racism to someone?
5. Jelani uses different terms to describe himself. Why do you think that is?
6. How do you think you would feel if you were treated poorly because of your skin color?
7. Can you identify subtle ways that racism might show up around you?
8. Why do you think diversity is valuable in our communities?
9. Why should we speak up when we see racism?

Post Reading Questions:

10. What question would you like to ask an adult about racism?
11. Do you have any personal experiences with racism, or know someone who does?
12. How can learning about history help us understand current issues with racism?
13. Why is honesty important when talking about difficult subjects like racism?

Reflective Questions:

14. Can you remember a time when you saw someone being treated unfairly because of their race?
15. What can you do if you hear someone using racist language or telling jokes that are not kind?
16. Have you ever had a question about race that you were afraid to ask? Why?
17. How can we make sure that everyone at school feels like they belong?