

book club questions

THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY

- Describe Nora at the beginning of The Midnight Library.
- What does the library symbolize in The Midnight Library?
- What emotions does The Midnight Library evoke?
- How did Nora's thoughts affect her real life?
- Discuss the theme of regret in The Midnight Library.
- Is possibility a good or bad thing in The Midnight Library?
- Discuss the use of magical realism in The Midnight Library.
- Discuss how the bittersweet nature of life is presented in The Midnight Library.
- Life was described as a "beautiful messy struggle." Do you agree with this oxymoron?
- How, if at all, is your life a "beautiful messy struggle"?
- How are the elements presented in The Midnight Library and why (i.e., earth, air, water, fire)?
- Discuss the symbolism in the characters' names.
- What were your thoughts on Nora's alternate realities?
- What did Nora learn in The Midnight Library?
- How does Nora's perspective change over the course of the story?
- How does the novel present the concept of time?
- What role does kindness play in The Midnight Library?
- How does the possibility of death affect Nora?
- What, and who, made the biggest impact in Nora's life to date?
- Discuss the "books" in your own "midnight library."

- Would you like to visit your own "midnight library" or leave it unknown?
- The books in The Midnight Library are described as potential escapes, as opposed to the feeling of being trapped. Do you agree or disagree?
- How would you personally answer the question posed in this quote: "Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?"
- Discuss the role of libraries in your life.
- Discuss whether you agree or disagree with this quote: "But you will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."
- Discuss whether you agree or disagree with this quote: "The only way to learn is to live."
- How does The Midnight Library characterize the future?
- It was said to "[n]ever underestimate the big importance of small things." What small things had big importance in your life?
- What is the point of life, according to The Midnight Library?
- What lesson(s) did The Midnight Library impart upon you?