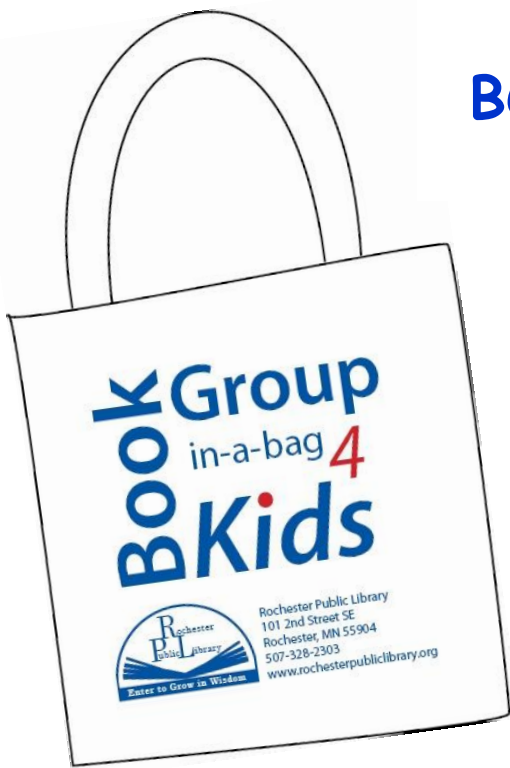


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1. In the beginning, what about Lerner's situation makes her feel particularly powerless?
2. What clique at Cleveland Park Middle School has the most power? Why do they have power?
3. Talk about the power teachers have over students in the book. What kind of power should teachers have? What kind of power should students have?
4. If you have power, you can use it wisely or you can abuse it. Which characters abuse their power?
5. How do Lerner and the SLUGS become powerful?

The questions on this discussion guide were found on the Mary Amato website listed below.

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