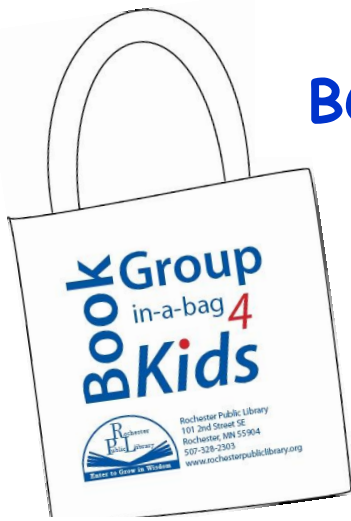


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**GREGOR THE OVERLANDER**  
BY SUZANNE COLLINS

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1. How have the inhabitants of the Underland adapted to their environment? What do you think would happen if any of them came to the surface?

2. Do you think that, at the beginning of the story, Gregory has given up hope of ever finding his father? Once his adventures in the Underland get under way, do you think he believes he'll find his father?

3. Talk about Gregor's personality. Of all his character traits, which do you find most admirable? Could he be your friend? Why?

4. One of the most interesting characters in the novel is not a human, but a rat that Vikus has enlisted to be the guide for the questers. What traits does Ripped possess that set him apart from the others, both rats and humans?

5. Giant cockroaches, rats, and bats inhabit the Underland. Gregor is scared but keeps his cool. How and why do you think he does it, and why is it important to him that he appear brave? How would you react if you were staring down into the face of a four-foot cockroach?

6. Despite the great perils, Gregor insists on taking Boots with him on the quest. He recalls what his mother once said to him, "Stay together." Do you think his mother would have wanted him to put Boots in that kind of danger? Was there ever a time when you followed something your parents said and it got you into trouble in school or at home? Was there a time when you did what your parents told you and it paid off?

7. Gregor, like Alice (in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll); Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy (in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis); and Dorothy (in *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum), travels through a passageway from "the real world" to a fantastic one. Discuss the variety of ways characters find their way into fantasy worlds in these and other novels you have read.

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