



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE STAND BY STEPHEN KING

1. Contrast the government structure of post-plague Las Vegas with that of Boulder. How do the values of the inhabitants of each place differ?
2. Discuss Larry's character development over the course of the story.
3. Babies are a valuable commodity in the post-plague world. Who wants them most, and why?
4. Describe Abigail's self-perceived role in relationship to her god. How do the Free Zone survivors view her?
5. What do the colors red and black symbolize? Give examples of how they appear in the novel.
6. Glen performs a unique function in the story that none of the other characters share. Describe it.
7. Randall Flagg is the embodiment of evil in *The Stand*. Discuss his attributes and how these might differ from a traditional view of the devil.
8. Animals serve as helpers to both factions. Give examples of who they are and how they intervene in human affairs.
9. Explain the meaning of the book's title. Does it refer only to the men from Boulder?
10. Harold is a morally ambivalent character who arrives at more than one spiritual crossroad in the novel. How do his values determine his choices? What is the consequence of the path he chooses to pursue?

Discussion questions adapted from SuperSummary.com



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