

"The Wind in the Willows":

1. **Personal Qualities**: What traits do you find most endearing in each of the main characters: Mole, Ratty, Badger, and Toad?
2. **Friendship**: How do the friendships in the story change and develop over time? Do you have a friendship that has evolved in a similar manner?
3. **Home and Comfort**: The concept of 'home' is very important in the story. How do the characters' homes reflect their personalities?
4. **Sense of Adventure**: Toad has a craving for adventure that gets him into trouble. Have you ever had an adventure that went a bit too far?
5. **Wisdom and Foolishness**: What are some examples of wisdom and foolishness you see in the book? Are these traits age-related or personality-related?
6. **Changes and Transformations**: How do the characters change or grow throughout the story? Is change presented as something to be embraced or feared?
7. **The Natural World**: Nature plays a huge role in the book. How do the characters relate to nature, and what can we learn from their relationship with it?
8. **Social Commentary**: The story was written in the early 20th century. Are there social messages or commentaries you can pick out that relate to that era? Do they still apply today?
9. **Human Traits in Animals**: The characters are anthropomorphic animals. How does this choice by the author affect your understanding or enjoyment of the story?
10. **Legacy**: "The Wind in the Willows" has been adapted into various other forms of media and literature. Why do you think the story has had such lasting appeal?