

Discussion Questions: Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

- Why do you think the book was set in the mid-1980s? How would it have been different if it had been set in recent years?
- Could you relate to anything the characters were going through? How was your high school experience similar or different?
- People often ask Rainbow if Eleanor is really fat or if she just thinks she's fat? What do you think? Why do you think people ask so often?
- Feelings about Eleanor's mother, and GO!
- People have also asked why Park is Korean, which got me thinking about race. What did you think about how those issues were handled in the book?
- Eleanor says she and Park are too young for love? Agree/disagree and why?
- I think this story has a lot to do with how our parents relationships shape us. How were Eleanor and Park shaped by their parents?
- How did you feel about Eleanor leaving her siblings behind? Was she right to run away?
- Musica plays a huge roll in E&P's relationship and lives. What songs have helped you through tough times? (Also, here's a link to the book playlist by the author!
<http://rainbowrowell.com/blog/2013/03/eleanor-park-all-the-playlists-all-the-music/>)
- Obvs, the ending. WHAT THE HECK WERE THOSE THREE WORDS?!

