

## **The Accused – Discussion Questions**

### **General Questions:**

Did you enjoy the book (or whatever part you read)? Why or why not?

Did the book make you want to read the other 4 books in the Theodore Boone series?

Is Theo the type of kid you would want to have as your friend? Why or why not?

Do you think Theo's parents are a good influence on him or do you think that their focus on the law has clouded Theo's vision and/or prejudiced his other interests?

### **In-Depth Questions:**

Does Theo act like a typical teenager or does he choose to act more grown-up because of the mysteries and circumstances he faces? How is Theo able to comprehend all of the complicated legal issues he faces while being only thirteen years old?

How do you think the setting of a small town impacts the plot and characters of the book? How do you think the book would have been different if the author had placed the story in a big city like Manhattan or Newark instead?

Do you think there is an absolute "right to privacy" or should exceptions be made in certain places (ex: a school locker or a bank vault)? Why or why not?

Should everyone be presumed innocent until proven guilty? Can you think of any exceptions to this "rule"? How would you apply that to the characters in this book?

Did this book change how you feel about the law? Did you start the book with one idea and then wind up at the end with a different viewpoint regarding lawyers, courtrooms and the legal system?

Do you think that Theo would grow up to be a lawyer after all of his experiences, or can you see him doing something else (ex: being a judge or a teacher)?