

Stormbreaker – Discussion Questions

General Questions:

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

Why does M16 choose a 14 year old kid like Alex for such an important and dangerous mission?

What other literary characters do you find similar to Alex? Harry Potter? Percy Jackson? Jonas from *The Giver*? Will from *Ranger's Apprentice*?

Would this make a good movie? Why or why not? Is it too similar to other action/spy movies or does Alex's age make a difference?

In-Depth Questions:

We have read other “coming of age” books – how does this book handle that theme? Was Alex prepared to handle such adult issues (mortality, lies, espionage) and should kids have to face such issues alone?

The book addresses power in interesting ways: bullying, nations at war, using power for good or evil, etc. How did that make you feel? Should powerful people be prevented from using power in immoral ways and how should that be done?

Technology also plays a big role in this book, but unlike Steve Jobs (think back to our book *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*) Sayle uses technology for evil. What are some other ways technology can be misused – by kids or adults?

What is the most valuable character trait Alex learns at boot camp? Ex: Perseverance? Grit? Courage? Teamwork? What would be the hardest thing for you to overcome in that situation and in what ways do you think would it make you a better person?