



DISCUSSION POINTS

*Note to teachers: These discussion starters have the potential to get some deep and meaningful small group or partner discussions going in your classroom. It can be as informal as a “turn and talk” moment in which you put one of the discussion starters on the board and then ask them to turn and talk with the person next to them. Keep it brief – maximum five minutes. Then wander the room and listen in or join in. And finally, pull them back to whole group and ask for one or two volunteers to share something interesting they HEARD...not said.

- Who do you think had worse parents, Bull or Victor? Why do you think that?
- Who do you think made the most personal growth by the end of the book, Bull or Victor? Why do you think that?
- Do you think Bull or Victor would have survived if they *hadn't* ended up in the psych ward? Why or why not?
- Who do you think influenced Bull the most? Why do you think that?
- Who do you think influenced Victor the most? Why do you think that?
- If you met Victor right now, what would you say to him? Why would you say that?
- If you met Bull right now, what would you say to him? Why would you say that?