

Divergent Study Guide Questions—Chapters 8-9:

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

Chapter Eight:

1. What are the first and second lessons in Dauntless? How does Tris feel about them?
2. What do the Dauntless believe is the definition of cowardice?
3. What are the three stages of initiation?
4. What does Tris believe her family would think about her taking part in lesson one in Dauntless?
5. Who is Will? Describe him.
6. After practicing the first lesson, how does Tris feel—both physically emotionally/mentally (pg. 79)?
7. During lunch, what is preoccupying Tris' thoughts or distracting her?
8. Christina quotes her mom and says, "Politeness is deception in pretty packaging" (pg. 81)—what does this mean *and* how does this apply to the friction or conflicts between the factions?
9. How does Tris feel about seeing Myra and Edward kiss? How does this make her different from the other initiates who are from other factions?
10. What is Tris struggling with internally throughout the chapter? What is the reason for this?
11. What does Tris get at the end of the chapter? What does it symbolize?

Chapter Nine:

1. How is Tris' relationship with Christina different from any other she's ever had? Why?
2. Who are the first two initiates to fight?
3. How does Christina describe Peter, Drew and Molly? Give descriptions for each.
 - a) **Peter:**
 - b) **Drew:**
 - c) **Molly:**
4. Describe Christina's personality *and* what reason she gives for being this way (page 94).
5. Why is there friction or conflict between Eric and Four? How do they differ in their beliefs?
6. What is the result of the first fight?
7. Who are the second initiates to fight? Describe it. What is the result?
8. How does Eric react at the end of the fight? What does he make the initiate do? What is his reasoning?
9. What is Tris conflicted with *and* why is she disgusted with herself?
10. Tris remembers her father saying, "Human reason can excuse any evil; that's why it's so important that we don't rely on it"—what does this mean and how does it apply to Tris (page 102)?