Falling by T. J. Newman

- 1. Which event in the story causes all the others?
- 2. Was there a simple solution to the problems in the book? Why didn't the author let the characters use it?
- 3. What is the book's climactic scene? How did the author build up to it?
- 4. Does the book's ending resolve the plot? If it doesn't, do you think this was intentional? What else do you want to know?
- 5. Why did the <u>author</u> choose to follow this protagonist and not another character in the story? Would the story have been different if it was told from another character's point of view?
- 6. Do you think the protagonist is a hero or a villain—or somewhere in between?
- 7. How does the main character change over the course of the book?
- 8. Does the protagonist experience a major revelation or period of growth? How does it change them?
- 9. Does this story have an antagonist or villain? What traits does this character reveal about the story's hero?
- 10. Are there any nontraditional "characters" in the book—such as animals, or even places that play a strong role in the story?
- 11. Other than the main character, is there another character you found compelling? Describe how the book might be different from their point of view.
- 12. Are there any particularly striking visual symbols used in the book? What do you think they represent?
- 13. Do the characters themselves represent anything?
- 14. How would you describe the author's writing style? (Was it flowery and descriptive or more succinctly written?)
- 15. If the book was written in first person, why do you think the author made that choice? How did that choice change the story, instead of having it in third person?
- 16. How does the author's writing style compare to other authors you have read?