



6 Week Teens Book Club: *Pay it Forward*

Online Course Structure:

Week 1: Introduction and Setting the Stage

- **Welcome and Introductions:** Meet fellow book club members and discuss the goals and structure of the book club.
- **Overview of the Book:** Introduction to "Pay It Forward," including background information on Catherine Ryan Hyde and the book's inspiration.
- **Reading Assignment:** Chapters 1-3.
- **Discussion Questions:** Initial thoughts on Trevor and his teacher's challenge. How do you feel about the concept of paying it forward?

Week 2: Character Development and Themes

- **Discussion:** Share reflections on Chapters 1-3. Discuss Trevor's character and his motivations for creating the Pay It Forward plan.
- **Reading Assignment:** Chapters 4-6.
- **Activities:** Character mapping to explore Trevor's relationships with other characters.
- **Discussion Questions:** What themes are emerging in the story? How are Trevor's actions beginning to affect those around him?

Week 3: Plot Progression and Conflict

- **Discussion:** Share reflections on Chapters 4-6. Analyze key plot developments and conflicts.
- **Reading Assignment:** Chapters 7-9.
- **Activities:** Create a timeline of major events in the story so far.
- **Discussion Questions:** How are the conflicts shaping the narrative? What obstacles does Trevor face in implementing his plan?

Week 4: Impact and Reactions

- **Discussion:** Share reflections on Chapters 7-9. Explore the reactions of various characters to Trevor's Pay It Forward initiative.
- **Reading Assignment:** Chapters 10-12.
- **Activities:** Group discussion on the ripple effect of kindness and how small actions can lead to significant changes.
- **Discussion Questions:** How do the people Trevor helps respond to his plan? What are the broader implications of his actions?

Week 5: Climax and Turning Points

- **Discussion:** Share reflections on Chapters 10-12. Discuss the climax and any turning points in the narrative.
- **Reading Assignment:** Chapters 13-15.
- **Activities:** Analyze key turning points and their impact on the story's direction.
- **Discussion Questions:** What are the pivotal moments for Trevor and his project? How do these moments drive the plot forward?

Week 6: Resolution and Reflections

- **Discussion:** Share reflections on Chapters 13-15. Discuss the resolution of the story and its overall message.
- **Reading Assignment:** Finish the book.
- **Activities:** Final group discussion on the book's themes, character arcs, and personal takeaways.
- **Creative Project:** Create a final project (e.g., a poem, drawing, or short story) inspired by Trevor's journey and the Pay It Forward concept.
- **Closing:** Share final thoughts, reflect on the journey through the book club, and celebrate the completion of the book.