**Discussion ideas for …**

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* We discover that Hilda Jude can read minds. Just imagine if you could do this! Each person in the group has to come up with two reasons why this could be useful and two reasons why this would be terrible and then discuss all your reasons together.
* On page 70, the Morphic Prism is described as “a library of everyone’s thoughts”, which would make it a very futuristic type of library. In your group, discuss what your library of the future may look like.
* Hilda says that she is “not a bad person … but sometimes good people have to do bad things” (page 175). Talk about what you think this sentence means and why Hilda says this. You might also want to apply it to other characters in the book too.
* Davey is, or will be, Jack’s Grandad. What do you think it would be like knowing someone from your family when they were the same age as you? What do you think they would have been like?
* Why do you think the mysterious blue mists of Niflheim take the form of dead loved ones?
* Niflheim is one of the Nine Worlds in Norse Mythology. Why do you think the author has included mythology in his story?
* How does the author use his storytelling and writing techniques to allow the reader to feel different emotions e.g. excitement and fear?