**Discussion ideas for …**

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

* Discuss in your group how the other novices treat Hiccup. Do they think he is going to be a Viking Hero? Does this change as the book progresses?
* On page 107, Hiccup has a list of methods he uses to try to encourage Toothless to follow his orders. Discuss what each of the six points mean and how Hiccup goes about trying them. Do you think the methods would work on other dragons?
* Toothless snaps on pages 130-134 when Fireborn makes fun of him, starting the dragon fight that leads to the novice’s exile. Why does Toothless get so upset? Were Toothless and Fireborn both equally in the wrong?
* There is a lot of rhyming in the book, why do you think rhyming in the prophecy and supper songs is important? Find two examples of rhyming in the book and discuss which words make the passage rhyme.
* Do you think the dragons are loyal to their masters? In your group, discuss the conversation the dragons have on page 178-179. Which side do you think the dragons are on?
* In the book we also hear from Hiccup when he is much older. Do you like hearing from an older version of the character? Why do you think the author does this? Does it make you want to read more books in the series?