My Life as a Potato

End-of Book Discussion Guide

- 1. Why is the setting important to this story? How might the story have been different were it set in a large city?
- 2. Which character do you like the most and why?
- 3. Does Ben's school seem similar to the school you attend? In which ways is it similar? In which ways is it different?
- 4. Which of Ben's actions upset you the most? How would you have acted differently in his situation?
- 5. Which scene or moment in the book did you find the funniest?
- 6. Ben has a supportive family, but he doesn't tell them about his problems until the end of the book. What advice do you think his mom or dad would have given him if he told them he was the mascot? Do you think they would have made his situation better or worse?
- 7. How is Ben a different person at the end of the book than he was at the start?

Discussion Suggestion

Silent discussion:

Write the questions on large sheets of butcher paper taped up around the classroom.

Students may walk around with markers and write their answers on the papers, as well as respond to answers from their peers.