

Lesson Plan: Q&A

OBJECTIVE: Students will practice reading subtext in writing

TIME: 45 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- *Eragon*
- “It’s In His Character” from *Secrets of the Dragon Riders*

INTRODUCTION: When we want to know about something, we usually ask questions. But questions can shed a lot more light on the person asking them than on the subject they’re being asked about.

ACTIVITY:

Have your students write at least five questions they’d like to ask any of the characters in *Eragon*.

Read “It’s In His Character.”

Discuss . . .

- What does the essayist say we can and cannot know about Paolini from reading his books?
- What do we know about the essayist from reading his essay?

Have students free write for five minutes about what their own questions say about them. Then have them split into small groups and share both their questions and their free writing, and discuss with the group what else their questions might say about them.