

**First Thursday Book Club Discussion Questions****Title**

Sapiens

Feb 2018, 2pm. Nancy Stepsis hosts. Michelle Girts leads the discussion

1. Why was this book written? Is there a need for it? Does it respond to current events? What is the writer's message and how are you drawn into the book and kept interested? If the lines between fact and fiction sometimes blur in the book, what is the effect of this?
2. Is there anything new about this author's viewpoint? Is it a balanced view? If you sense that the author has an axe to grind, where is it most obvious? Are there any weaknesses in the author's case? Do you trust this author?
3. Do you sense that the author is an expert in this field? Is the subject matter presented so that a general reader can understand it?
4. A good many nonfiction books recently have dealt with the man versus Nature theme. Can you think of a reason why this subject is so popular just now?
5. If the book has a historical subject, why should we read about it? Consider how well the writer sets up a historical, political or social background.
6. Has this book taught you anything surprising? Has the book changed your opinion? Why?