

## ESL Book Club 2024 – July Discussion Questions

*The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

**Discussion Date: July 5, 2024, 10:30 am – 12 pm in Central Park Library – Sycamore Room**

1. Did you read this book before? If so, when? What was your opinion of the book then and how does it compare to your reading now?
2. Why do you think some people see Drawing Number One as a simple hat, while others think it represents an elephant inside a boa constrictor?
3. The author presents children as having an understanding of the important things in life, an intuition that he believes adults lack. Do you agree or disagree with his point of view? Why?
4. Why does the Little Prince think his flower is so special and unique? Why is the flower so important? Describe its behavior.
5. What are some things you can do on a small asteroid that you can't do on a large planet?
6. What do the different planets and their inhabitants represent?
7. Why did the Little Prince leave his planet?
8. What makes the Little Prince's rose different from the thousands of roses that were in the garden on Earth?
9. What is the fox's secret? What does it mean?
10. Why will the stars be special for the pilot?
11. Why does the Little Prince want to return home? Why isn't his friendship with the pilot enough to make him stay?
12. Drawing as an art form is very important in this story. What is the role of art—visual arts, literature, music, dance, etc.—in helping people “see with the heart”?
13. The story begins and ends with a snake. Why?
14. The Little Prince is described as a children's story. Would you read this book to the children you know? Would they understand it? Why might an author choose to write a children's story that has as much relevance for adults?
15. There are bits of wisdom shared between the characters throughout this book. Which of them felt most true to you?