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SUMMER READING: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE DARK UNWINDING

PART A. First, read the five questions below pertaining to your summer reading text. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, you will respond to the questions using your book and notes. For **FOUR** of the questions, you may “brainstorm” your response (use bullet points, write down evidence, jot down ideas). For **ONE** of the questions, you must write a complete response (complete sentences).

1. A gothic novel is defined as “a genre of fiction characterized by mystery and supernatural horror, often set in a dark castle or other medieval setting.” Using a minimum of three examples from the text, prove that *The Dark Unwinding* is a gothic novel.
2. Katherine has a unique relationship with her Aunt Alice, who does not necessarily treat her the way she should. Does Katherine later let her relationship with Aunt Alice sway her decision making regarding her uncle? Or, does Katherine keep a level head about things? Justify your answer with a least two examples from the text.
3. During Katherine’s first few days at her uncle’s, she starts to act differently than her normal, straight-forward self. How does the work Uncle Tully does change Katherine’s usually collected character? How do the people who work at Stranwyne Keep change Katherine’s usually collected character?
4. Why do you think that Katherine is resistant at first to being close with Uncle Tully? At what point in the text does she become less resistant to being close with Uncle Tully?
5. How does Katherine change the personal staff’s original opinion and distrust of her integrity and motives towards Uncle Tully? Give a minimum of two examples in which Katherine shows the staff she is working for Uncle Tully’s best interest.

PART B. Using the questions above as guidelines, create two of your own book discussion questions. These questions should be specific to your novel, and the answers should require the usage of evidence/examples (as the questions above do). You are **NOT** answering these questions.

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