

Questions for your book club

- The story is told from the point of view of five different characters. What does this structure add to your reading of *Last Letter from Istanbul*?
- The story covers many themes – loss, identity, forbidden love, loyalty, sacrifice . . . Is there one theme in particular that stands out for you?
- Discuss the role of the boy in the novel.
- Throughout, Nur is quite guarded with her feelings. What do you read into this?
- Nur's brother is a stranger when he comes back from war, and poses a very real threat. Considering his experiences, did you have any sympathy towards him?
- Ironically, Nur has more personal freedom, in a sense, than she was granted before the Allies descended. Discuss the ways in which war and occupation affect her role.
- During the trial of Nur's brother, George faces a huge dilemma. How did you feel about the decision he makes?