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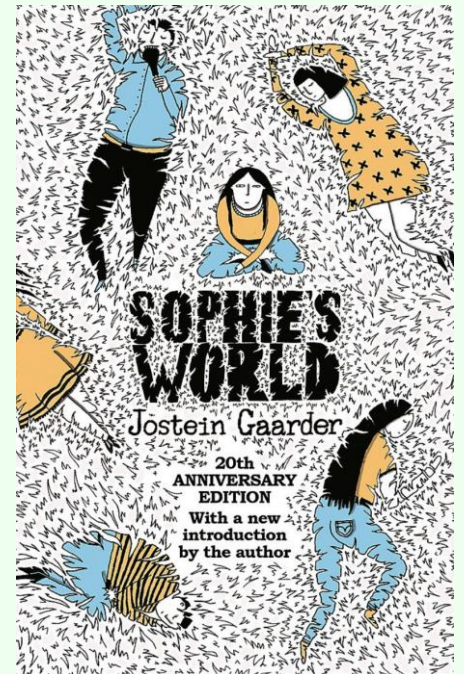
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Student's Book Sharing - F6B Wong Ming Sum

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

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Sitting random in a classroom, we are all students experiencing our teenage years. And we'd like to ask, literally everything, from when's the deadline of a particular homework, to why are we going to school, and things like that. Well, these kinds of questions are sounding silly when I'm asking it here through the PA system, but there's no way to deny that asking questions is a rather good approach to get to know more about the world around us. And the book, Sophie's World, would like to start from the basics as well. The main character, Sophie, was introduced to daily life philosophy by letters from an anonymous mentor. They set off the discovery journey rather simple by a 3-words riddle: who are you?



The book triggers Sophie to dig deep into it, and as I was reading along, it got me to rethink my own identity, for like: what makes us ourselves? It might even be possible, yet implausible, that we're only characters from others' imagination, just like Sophie, she was purely just fancy. But, anyways, who would get to know this before the world ends?

Well, let's not scatter our thoughts too far away, and it has no need to fear, I'm just making assumptions. But at least, we ought to think. When we're fitting into and getting used to societies, we often sit with what we've received and aren't even asking a single why. If we act the same and think the same, then who are we even?

But if we do want to retain our own uniquenesses, curiosity is the saviour that empowers oneself to be different from others. We all know that it's a must to pack ourselves into the puzzle of societies. But if we crave to know more, we can see the world from a completely different perspective when digging down to truths, everything is new, and life is no longer dull. The little sparks of curiosity lead us to our everyday enjoyments. The internal joy of individuals gives the identity. Now I'd like to ask the question again: who are we? Well, it's never a must to label ourselves with something specific, but as long as we think, therefore we are.