

## An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir Book Club

1. What do you think of the alternating 1<sup>st</sup> person narration?
2. What do you think of the beginning of Laia's story?
3. How does the dawn of Laia's story contrast with Elias's?
4. Why do you think Laia told them where the sketchbook was?
5. Did you expect the murder of her grandparents?
6. Should she have run?
7. Why do you think Elias takes off his Mask?
8. What do you think of the brutality of the soldiers?
9. Did you expect the Commandant to be Elias's mother?
10. Does graduation day seem like a good day to desert?
11. What do you think of the Augurs ability to read minds?
12. Would you believe the Augur if you were Elias?
13. Why do you think Elias agrees to be one of the 4 in the trials?
14. Do you like Laia?
15. Do you like Elias?
16. Who is your favorite character?
17. Should Elias have told Helen the truth when they sat together after both found out they were in line to be Emperor?
18. What do you think of the world creation?
19. Why do you think his kills are Elias's worst fear?
20. Who is the worst villain in the book?
21. What do you think of the Trials?
22. How is fantasy used in this book?
23. What do you think of Elias and Laia's dance?
24. Do you trust the Resistance?
25. What do you think of the way that Elias treats Helene?
26. How awful is the 3<sup>rd</sup> trial where friends must kill each other?
27. What did you think of Elias and Laia's night together?
28. Did you expect Marcus to kill Laia?
29. Why do you think Laia was saved?
30. What game do you think the Augurs are playing?
31. Did you like the book?
32. Would you read more in the series?