

The Compound: facilitator notes

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Whole-book spoilers. Facilitation notes, not an answer key.

Opening lens

Aisling Rawle's *The Compound* places Lily among contestants in a remote, filmed competition. Goods, rules and social ties are controlled around them. The discussion can ask how an apparently chosen game changes when the people inside it have uncertain knowledge of what lies outside.

Evidence method

Choose a reward or a rule and follow its effect through a chapter. Ask who names its value, who needs it and who can refuse it. This route keeps attention on the book's specific machinery of power instead of turning the meeting into a general vote for or against reality television.

Minutes	Task	Book-specific starting point
0-5	Scope and pass option	What did the opening make you want to know about the place before you understood the game?
5-15	Opening reaction	Which early reward felt strange when placed beside a basic need?
15-30	People and relationships	How do intimacy and strategy become difficult to separate? Is uncertainty about another person useful to the producers?
30-45	Narrative choices	What does the narrative allow readers to watch that the contestants cannot see? Does that place the reader too near the spectator role?
45-55	The ending	Which final uncertainty feels essential rather than incomplete? Explain what a full outside explanation might do to the novel's effect.

Minutes	Task	Book-specific starting point
55-60	One remaining question	End with a rule whose apparent fairness changes when a basic need is at stake. That distinction can sharpen the group's view of the game's language of choice.

Group 1 chapter cue

Bring a chapter where a challenge changes access to a good or necessity.

Group 2 chapter cue

Locate a scene in which a relationship and a game strategy overlap.

Group 3 chapter cue

Choose a late passage about staying, leaving or what winning means.

Closing direction

End with a rule whose apparent fairness changes when a basic need is at stake. That distinction can sharpen the group's view of the game's language of choice.

Edition and scope note

This is The Compound by Aisling Rawle, not the novel of the same name by S. A. Bodeen. The pack does not reproduce a television format or ask the group to act out coercive challenges.

Source

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