

One Book for Nebraska Kids 2017
Discussion Questions for
Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson

1. Why would someone write a book or a series about Alcatraz Smedry?
2. What made the inheritance Alcatraz he received from his parent's so valuable?
3. Did you have a favorite character in the book?
4. What makes the librarians so evil?
5. What was Alcatraz's special talent?
6. If you could have a special talent like the characters in the book – what would it be?
7. What was Grandfather's special talent and what made it so helpful? (page 37)
8. How are the names of Alcatraz's Free Kingdom friends similar to his own?
(Leavenworth, Bastille, Sing-Sing, etc)
9. What is an oculator? (page 44, 45)
10. Where do you suppose the author came up with the word Hushlander?
11. What were Alivened made out of? (page 209, 214)
12. What did you think of the way the author began each chapter – as if he was talking to you personally?
13. What was the librarian lie about the dinosaurs?
14. What did Alcatraz discover about his parents?

15. Was there an altar of outdated encyclopedias?

16. This book is part of a series – are you going to keep reading to see what happens next?

17. If you are a Harry Potter fan, are there similarities between Harry and Alcatraz?

18. What did you think of the cover of the book?

19. Do you think this book and the series would make a good movie?