Sample Questions for Beta Readers

Taken from an article by Arielle Phoenix

https://selfpublishedwhiz.com/20-questions-for-beta-readers-what-all-authors-should-be-asking/#20-of-the-best-questions-for-beta-readers

Read the entire article to see why the writer included them, some fixes that you can apply to improve your story and tidbits of information that help you choosing a Beta Reader. You can always add more, delete some or change them to suit your own needs.

1. Are the first ten pages compelling enough to keep you reading?

2. Do you find yourself skimming through pages?

3. Did you get a sense of whose narrative it is and when and where the story takes place right away?

4. Do you know who the main characters are and what motivates them?

5. Are you confused at any point in the story?

6. How do you relate to the characters?

7. Was the setting interesting to you, and did the descriptions feel real and vivid to you?

8. Did the story start to lag at any point? If your answer is yes, when and why?

9. Is there anything you see as an opportunity to change something about the main character's perspective or point-of-view? (i.e., who is narrating; what year it is set in; how much information is given about secondary characters)?

10. What's your feedback on the overall flow of the story?

11. Are there any parts in the middle that feel like they could use more tension or conflict?

12. What did you think of the dialogue (was it believable)?

13. Did the plot make sense to you?

14. Have you noticed any inconsistencies or discrepancies in the sequence of events, locations, character names, or other elements?

15. Did anything happen towards the end of the book that felt rushed or out of place?

16. What did you think of the ending? Is it satisfying?

17. Did you notice any consistent grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors? If yes please give examples?

18. Was there anything that surprised you?

19. Would you read another book by this author?

20. Are there any questions you still have about the book?