A Discussion Guide to *Glimmer of Hope* by The Founders of March For Our Lives

1. The founders of the March For Our Lives foundation all expressed different facets of hope and what it means to them in the aftermath of what they lived through. What, if anything, does hope mean to you in the context of this book and its contributors? What does hope mean to you in the context of the social, political, and economic landscape you live in?

2. What does social justice mean to you and has that changed over time? Why or why not?

3. In *Glimmer of Hope*, Cameron Kasky wrote: “This is not the media’s narrative. This is not your story. This is nobody’s tragedy to interpret but our own. The students of Stoneman Douglas know exactly what happened at Stoneman Douglas, and under no circumstances will you tell our story for us.”

4. What has been your experience in hearing about tragedies like the one at Marjory Stoneman High School, on the news? How do you think media reporting has shaped the aftermath of these events and your perspective on them? Do you think anything should change about media coverage of mass shootings?

5. In the essay by John Barnitt, Sofie Whitney, and Sarah Chadwick, they write “we learned all about activism through twitter, which means we learned our activism through other teens online.” How do you see social media fitting into the campaigns run by activism organizations? What benefits and/or disadvantages do you think social media provides?

6. What, if anything, do you think made this tragedy different from the others that came before it?

7. Are there specific nonprofit or social justice organizations like March For Our Lives whose message you are passionate about? What issues are important to you and your community? Do you feel that you have sufficient resources in order to effect change and fix those issues? Why or why not? If not, what resources would you like better access to?

8. Throughout the book, the students reiterate that it was important not to have adults overshadow the true message of the foundation – do you agree or disagree? Do you think it would have been beneficial to have a greater adult presence? Why or why not?

9. How do you see March For Our Lives fitting into the greater landscape of social activism? Do you feel hopeful about their contribution? Why or why not?

10. In your opinion, what can and should schools do to keep students safe?

11. Why do you think gun control and gun safety are such hot-button issues in the United States? Why is the right to own guns so important to Americans?

*Glimmer of Hope* is the official, definitive book from The March for Our Lives founders. In keeping up with their ongoing fight to end gun-violence in all communities, the student leaders of March for Our Lives have decided not to be paid as authors of the book. 100% of net proceeds from this book will be paid to March For Our Lives Action Fund.