**Research Questions relating to the novels that can be compared with *Why Be Happy…***

**[*The Catcher in the Rye; The Color Purple; The Curious Incident…; The Kite Runner*]**

1. Find four key facts about the life and career of the author of your novel.

2. Describe the protagonist of your novel.

3. Describe the events that your novel presents in terms of what happens to your protagonist.

4. Try to make some links between the way the life of the fictional protagonist is described and the way Jeanette Winterson has described her life autobiographically in *Why Be Happy…?*

5. Read through the first page of your novel and, using examples, try to describe aspects of the voice and what this suggests about the protagonist.