

Questions to Support Comprehension of Fiction

Personal and Textual Connections

- How does the story make you feel?
- Have you ever had similar experiences?
- Does the book remind you of another book?
- How is this story like any other story you know?

Setting

- Where and when does the story take place?
- Is the place important to the story? How?
- What can you hear, see, feel, or smell as you read?
- How much time passes in the story?

Characters

- Who is the most interesting character? Why?
- What character is the fairest? Why?
- Who is the bravest character? Why?
- Which character taught you the most?
- What choices did a character have?
- How does one of the characters change? Why?

Plot

- What is the story problem? How do you think it will be solved?
- What choices did the characters have?
- What was the most important part of the story?
- What are the important events in the story?
- What is the order of events in the story?
- Were you able to predict the story ending?
- How did the story end?
- What lesson does this story teach about life?
- What do you think will happen next in the story?
- How was the story resolved?
- Make a sketch or picture of an event in the book.
- What are the most important events of the story?

Theme

- What is the author's message?
- What is the story really about?
- Why did the author write this story?

Perspective

- Who tells the story?
- Whose point of view is used in the story?

Language

- What are some interesting words, phrases, or sentences?
- Are there words that were used to create a feeling or picture in your mind?
- What images did the writing evoke? How did the author use language to evoke images?
- How did the author begin/end the story?

Illustrations

- What do the illustrations add to the story?
- How important are the illustrations?
- What is your favorite illustration? Why did you choose it?
- Could you picture what was happening when there was no illustration?

Author/Illustrator

- What other books does this book make you want to read?
- What did the author have to know to write this book?
- Did the author keep you interested? How or why?
- How is this book like other books by this author?

Genre

- What is the genre? How did you know?

Questions to Support Comprehension of Nonfiction

Personal and Textual Connections

- What do you already know about this topic?
- What have you experienced in your life that helps you understand this topic?
- What is your interest in this topic?

Content

- Why is this topic important?
- What are some of the most important words related to the topic, and what do they mean?
- What are some of the most important ideas related to this topic?
- Were there parts of the book you didn't understand? What puzzled you? What questions do you still have?
- What did you learn about this topic?
- What does this text make you want to learn more about?

Accuracy and Authenticity

- Are the illustrations authentic?

Style

- How has the author made this topic interesting?
- How has the author made it easy for you to find information?

Text Structure/Organization

- What are the ways the author presents information on this topic?