

EXPANDING STAGE OF READING

Questions and/or Discussion Topics to Foster Deep Comprehension

Summarize the main events in the story, in order.

What are the important ideas in the text? (Share them with me in an organized way.)

Tell me what was interesting about the text and why.

What did you learn from this text? Can you apply your new learning to real life?

Discuss the characters, their traits and if/how they changed. Use evidence to support your statements.

Discuss the characters and their feelings about one another.

What is the big idea or the theme of the text? How is the big idea or theme applicable to people's lives today?

Make a connection between this text and another text that you have read.

What is the genre of the text? What are characteristics of that genre?

How is the text organized? (compare/contrast, sequence of events, persuasive, description, problem/solution) Defend your answer based upon the text and text features.

How did the author or illustrator use illustrations or graphics to convey meaning?

Evaluate the quality of illustrations or graphic. Defend your evaluation.

What is your opinion about the text? Show evidence to support your opinion.

What was the author's purpose for writing the text?