

PROFICIENT STAGE OF READING

Questions and/or Discussion Topics to Foster Deep Comprehension

Summarize the text concisely; reflecting on important and overarching ideas.

Explain the meaning of the title of the story and how it relates to the text.

Predict what will happen next as you read. Verify or readjust your thinking as you read. Support your predictions with textual evidence.

Describe the relationship between two characters. Give evidence to support your statements.

Discuss a significant event from the story, and tell why it is significant.

What lesson is the author trying to teach through this story (theme)? Explain how the author conveyed this theme through the storyline.

Compare this text with another text you've read.

How does this book remind you of something from your own life?

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

How do the text features (headings, pictures, captions, maps, diagrams) enhance your understanding of the topic?

How is the content organized – chronological, compare/contrast, descriptive, or cause and effect? (generally applied to informational text)

What are some of the descriptive words or phrases the author uses that impact the story?

What new vocabulary did you acquire from this text? Try to use it in a new context.

Describe how the illustrations add to the meaning, mood, and quality of the text.

Did you like the text? Give specific reasons why or why not.

What is a question you still have about the topic?