

REFINING STAGE OF READING

Questions and/or Discussion Topics to Foster Deep Comprehension

How did the characters change in the story? Why did they change? What did they learn? What was the motivation of the characters? Use evidence from the text to support your statements.

How did the character feel at the beginning of the story? How did they feel at the end of the story? Why did they feel that way?

How do the characters feel about each other at the beginning or ending of the story? Use details from the text to support your answer.

What was the problem in the story? How was it solved?

How are the characters alike? How are they different?

How does the title, chapter titles, or headings relate to the text?

What did the author want you to learn from this book?

Why do you think the writer wrote the book?

How did 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)

Predict what will happen next. Verify or readjust your thinking as you read.

Did you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? What do you think would happen next if the author continued the book?

What is a question that you still have about the topic?

Look at the way the author began the book. What did the author do to get you interested in the topic?

Does the author use any literary devices such as foreshadowing, flashbacks or a story within a story? Discuss the effects.

Give examples of some descriptive language that helps you understand the setting.