

Story Structure Questions

Setting

- Where and when does the story take place?
- What clues in the story helped you know this?

Genre

- Is this book fiction or non-fiction?
- How do you know?

Genre

- What is the genre of this story?
- What clues in the story helped you know this?

Characters

- Who are the main characters in the story?
- Why are they important to the story?

Characters

- Could the characters in this story exist in real life?
- What makes you think that?

Voice

- Who is telling the story?
- What clues in the story helped you know this?

Story Structure Questions

Plot-Beginning

What happens in the beginning of the story?

Plot-Middle

What are the important events in this story?

Plot-Conflict

What is the problem in this story?

Plot-End

- How does the problem get resolved?
- How does the story end?

Author's Purpose Questions

Was the author trying to persuade, inform or entertain the reader?
How do you know?

What does the author want you to understand after you have finished reading the story?

Did you think the title was a good one for the story?
Why do you think that?

What language did the author use to help you visualize _____?

Why did the author write this story?

How is this story like other stories this author has written?

Making Connections

•What other story does this story remind you of?

•How did that connection help you understand the story better?

•How did this story make you feel?

•When have you felt that way in your real life?

•What other books have you read with similar characters or themes.

•How did that connection help you understand the story better?

How are you alike or different from the main character in the story?

How does what you know about this genre help you understand the story better?

What lessons did you learn in the story that can help you in your real life? Explain.

Questions for Inferring

What is the message or lesson of this story?

**What can you figure out that the author didn't put in words?
What clues did you use to figure that out?**

Why do you think the character acted like he/she did?

How was the setting the author chose important to the story?

Questions for Inferring

What do the characters choices or actions tell you about him/her?

**What is the mood or tone of this story?
What makes you say that?**

How did the character change during the story?

**What character traits did the character have?
What clues in the story make you believe that?**

Asking Questions

What questions do you still have? What are you wondering?

What would you like to ask the author or one of the characters?

What would you like to know more about?

If you reread this, what would you be trying to figure out the second time?

Summarizing

**What is the main idea
of the story?**

**Turn and Talk.
Retell the story to your
partner.**

**What were the most
important parts of
the story?**

**What do you want to
remember after reading
this story?**