

Questions to Ask Before, During and After Reading

General questions to get started:

1. While looking at the book cover, what do you think the book is about?
2. Is the book a fiction or nonfiction book?
3. Can you tell who the main character will be?
4. Does the title give a clue as to what the story is about?
5. Once you have begun reading, review the previous week's reading.

Setting

1. Where does the story take place?
2. When does the story take place?
3. Could the story take place in this world?
4. How did the author describe the place?
5. What could you see, feel, hear, smell, as you read?
6. How much time passes in the story?
7. How is the setting like a place that you know?
8. Does the time or place affect the characters or plot of the story?
9. Would you want to visit the place the character lives?

Characters

1. Do you think each character will change in the story?
2. How is a character like you?
3. How would you like to be like a character?
4. How are you different than the character?
5. How would you like to be different than the character?
6. What caused the character to make the decision they did?
7. Could this happen in real life?
8. Could this happen in your life?
9. What scene did you like best?
10. How did the character show (kindness, fairness, ...)
11. What would you like to ask the character?
12. Is the way the character lives different than the way you live?
13. What do you think about that difference?
14. Who is the most important character? Why?
15. What character is the nicest? Why?
16. What character is the bravest? Why?
17. Which character taught you the most? Why?

18. How do the characters change? Why?
19. Which characters don't change?
20. What did you learn from a character in the story?
21. How did the characters feel about each other? Why?

Plot

1. How did the author begin the story? How did the author cause you to read more?
2. What is the main problem in the story? How did/do you think it would/will be solved?
3. What challenges do the characters meet in the story? How do they handle them?
4. What do you think is the most important part of the book/chapter?
5. What is the climax of the story?
6. What are the major events in the story?
7. How predictable is the ending of the story?
8. Would you have ended it the same? Why or why not?
9. What clues did the author provide about the ending?
10. What do you think will happen next in the story or after the story?
11. What do you think will happen to the characters in the story?
12. Could the story really happen? Why or why not?
13. What does the author do to make the story seem realistic?
14. How was the plot resolved?
15. What is the shortest summary you can create for the story?
16. Make a sketch or picture for an event in the book.
17. What are the most important events in the story? Why do you believe they are important?
18. What would you like to ask the author?
19. What could have happened differently?

Theme

1. What is the author's message?
2. What is the story about?
3. Is the title appropriate? Why?
4. What does the story mean to you?
5. Why did the author write this story?
6. What lesson does the story have that resembles life?

Vocabulary

1. What are some interesting words, phrases, and sentences?
2. What words created a feeling or picture in your mind? Describe the feeling or picture.
3. Discuss new words you find in your reading. What does the word mean? How is the new word pronounced? Keep a list of the new words you learn.

Author Illustrator

1. Would you read other books by this author? Why or why not?
2. Have you read other books by this author or illustrator? How are they similar or different?
3. What other books might this book have caused you to read?
4. Did the author keep you interested? Why or why not?
5. Why did the author choose the title"? Would you choose the same? If not why not? If yes, why yes?

Personal Connection

1. How does the story make you feel?
2. Does the book remind you of another?
3. Do any of the characters remind you of someone in real life?
4. What does this story make you wonder about?
5. What surprised you?