

READING DISCUSSION PROMPTS



Book introduction

- Who is the author?
- What can you see on the front cover?
- What do you think this book is going to be about?
- Does the blurb on the back of the book give us any more clues?
- Who do you think the characters are going to be?
- Where will the story be set?
- What type of story do you think it will be? (adventure/fantasy...)

Understanding what you have read

- What does this word/ sentences tell you about the character/ setting?
- What do you think is happening at this point in the story?
- What might this mean?
- Which part of the story best describes the...?
- Which words or phrases do this?
- Can you explain what has just happened?
- What might happen next?

Recalling information

- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters in the book?
- What do they look like?
- Where did he/she/it live?
- How has the author used words/phrases to make this character funny/sad/adventurous/clever/frigh tening/ excited/disappointed, etc.?
- Show me in the text where you found...?
- What is happening at this point/in this part of the story?
- Find 1/2 things the main character did in this part of the story.
- What is/are the main event(s) that happen(s) in this/ each paragraph?

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Giving reasons

- How do you think the characters feel?
- What makes you think that...?
- How do you feel about...?
- Can you explain why...?
- I wonder why the author...?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- Why was...important in this story?
- How did one of the characters change their ideas/ attitudes during the story/play? What was it that brought about this change?
- What do you think would have happened if...?
- Tell me about one important event that happened that could not be left out. Why is it so important?
- How did the story make you feel? Why did it make you feel like this?
- Why do you think the author chose this particular setting for this story?

Discussing the whole story

- Could this book be better?
- Is it as good as...?
- Which did you prefer? Why?
- Who was your favourite character?
- Which was your favourite part of the story?
- Would you like to read another story by this author or illustrator?

Does this story remind you of anything that has happened to you?