

Prompting Guide for Comprehension

<p><u>Within the Text:</u> Summarizing/ Retelling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can summarize with this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Somebody _____ (character) wanted _____ (problem) but _____ (events), so _____ (conclusion). ○ What have you learned so far? ○ What were the most important things the writer had to say?
<p><u>Beyond the Text:</u> Predicting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What information are you using to make your prediction? ○ Do you need to change your predictions based on what you read? ○ Based on the illustrations/graphics, what information/ideas do you think the author will present? ○ What do you think the author will be: (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trying to persuade you of? ✓ Comparing/contrasting? ✓ Trying to describe?
<p><u>Beyond the Text:</u> Inferring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why do you think _____ did that? ○ What things do you know about the character from the way he/she thinks or behaves? ○ What do you think the main character really meant by saying that? ○ What lessons does the main character learn? ○ Are there any powerful/weak characters in the story? What makes them that way? ○ What events in the story were not written down, but could be understood as happening by reading between the lines? ○ How does the character's personality lead to trouble? ○ What do the character's name/relationships/actions show about him/her?
<p><u>Beyond the Text:</u> Synthesizing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What message does this story teach about life? ○ Think about what you learned that was new/interesting/surprising. ○ How is what you learned different from what you understood before? ○ Why might learning about this topic be important? ○ What new information did you gain from the illustrations/graphics? ○ How would the lessons in this story be different if the setting were different? ○ How were you able to understand events better by seeing them through the eyes of characters?

<p><u>Beyond the Text:</u> Making Connections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have you read about other places/characters/problems like this? ○ What does this remind you of? ○ How does this story make you feel? ○ What do you already know about this topic? ○ Do any of the characters remind you of someone in your life? ○ How does this book compare with other books on the same subject (or by the same author)? ○ How will you be able to use what you learned?
<p><u>About the Text:</u> Analyzing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What words or phrases does the author use that help you predict what might happen next? ○ What is the author really trying to say? ○ What were the writer's feelings about the topic? How do you know? ○ What do you think the writer really meant when he said _____? ○ How does the setting support the mood/tone of the story? ○ What is the mood/tone of the story? ○ Why did the author choose to include these particular illustrations/graphics? ○ Is this story organized like any other you have read? ○ Did the author involve you emotionally (make you laugh, cry, mad, etc)? ○ How do the big ideas of this book remind you of real life? ○ What do you notice about this author's style of writing? ○ How do the illustrations enhance your understanding of the topic? ○ How does the author use "signal" words (first, second, next, finally) and phrases (on the one hand, on the other hand) to help you understand the information? ○ Why is the title a good one? ○ Why did the author start this way? ○ Talk about the way the author started the story (the lead). What about the lead made you want to read the story? ○ What language/words did the writer use to show something familiar in an unfamiliar way? ○ Are there words that were used to create a feeling or picture in your mind? ○ Describe the author's voice (fast, slow, thoughtful). ○ From whose perspective was the text written? How did that affect what was included and what was left out?