

# TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

## Key Ideas and Details

1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

- What are the key ideas in this text/story?
- What can you infer from the title, headings, and anecdotes in this book?
- Who was the most important character in the story? What makes
- Who, what, where, when, how questions
- What key details help support the main idea of \_\_\_\_\_?
- What key details and/or examples support the main idea of \_\_\_\_\_?
- What have you learned from this [text]?

2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

- Retell the story.
- What is the story or article beginning to be about?
- What is the theme of the story?
- What message was the author trying to share?
- What could the main character have learned that I could also learn?
- What was a moral or lesson in the story?
- Summarize the text.
- Retell the (fables, folk tales from diverse cultures).
- What is the main idea of this text?
- What are the 2 or more main ideas in this text?
- What key supporting details did the author cite?

3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

- Identify characters, setting, major events,
- Explain key details that support the author's message.
- Compare and contrast (characters, setting, events, etc.).
- Explain how \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ interact in this story.
- Describe how (name of character) respond to (major event and/or challenge).
- Explain how (name of character) changed in the story.
- Why does \_\_\_\_\_ think about \_\_\_\_\_?
- How does \_\_\_\_\_ feel about \_\_\_\_\_?
- How does \_\_\_\_\_ show persistence (or other character trait) in \_\_\_\_\_?
- How does this help the reader learn more about \_\_\_\_\_'s character?
- What can we infer about the characters \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do readers learn about the family's relationship from this section?
- What does \_\_\_\_\_'s conversation with \_\_\_\_\_ reveal?
- What event did the author include to show the reader \_\_\_\_\_?
- Describe connections between \_\_\_\_\_.
- Explain relationships or interactions between 2 or more (individuals, events, ideas, concepts) in this text based on specific information in it.
- Explain the procedures described in this article.

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## Craft and Structure

**4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.**

- What does (word or phrase from the story, figurative language, sensory word,) mean?
- What does *Herculean* (or other Mythology vocabulary) mean in this story?
- Describe how words and phrases (regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem or song
- What kind of text is this? (poem, drama, prose, etc.) How do you know?
- Explain the meaning of (general academic vocabulary word).
- Explain what (domain/content specific word) means.
- Which words really call our attention here? What do we notice as we reread them?
- How does the author's choice of words, the tone of the language, illuminate the author's point of view on the topic?

**5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.**

- What was the (problem, solution)?
- How do (series of chapters, scenes, stanzas) fit together to provide overall structure in this text?
- What text structure did the author use in this text?
- What kind of text is this? (story, article, etc.)
- Look back at the text and see if you can divide it into parts. What parts does the author include?
- Describe the story structure, including beginning, middle, and ending
- Describe the (action, setting) in the story.
- Explain the (structure elements: verse, rhythm, meter of this poem).
- Explain the (structure elements: cast of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) of this drama/play.
- What might have happened if \_\_\_\_\_ hadn't happened first?
- How did the author organize the ideas in the (article, book, etc.)?
- Explain how you know that the author used a \_\_\_\_\_ text structure.
- What text structure did the author use?

**6. Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.**

- From what point of view is this story told?
- Who is narrating the story? How do we know?
- Through whose eyes did you see this story?
- Read (two or more accounts of the same event/topic). Analyze the information the authors present.
- What similarities and/or differences are there in (titles of two texts on similar topics)?
- How does the author feel about (topic)?
- How did the graphics help you understand the section about \_\_\_\_\_?
- Distinguish between information provided by pictures and words in the text.
- How does your own point of view compare to the author of \_\_\_\_\_?

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## Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

<p><b>7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse formats and media, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.*</b></p>	<p><b>8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.</b></p>	<p><b>9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe (character, setting, event). Use specific examples from the illustrations and/or words.</li> <li>• Use illustrations and words in print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of characters/setting/ plot.</li> <li>• How did the author use illustrations to engage the reader in the events of the story?</li> <li>• How do the (visual/multimedia elements) help the reader understand the author's message?</li> <li>• Use illustrations and details in a text to describe key ideas.</li> <li>• What text features (headings, table of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) did the author include to help the reader?</li> <li>• How did search tools (key words, side bars, hyperlinks) help the reader?</li> <li>• How do the [pictures, etc.] help convey the mood of the story?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Not applicable in Literature—Information Texts only</b></li> <li>• Identify the reasons an author gives to support his key point(s).</li> <li>• Explain how author uses reasons and evidence to support the main idea of _____.</li> <li>• Identify which reasons/evidence support which point(s).</li> <li>• What is the author's point of view on the topic? What in the text makes you say that?</li> <li>• Describe logical connections between specific sentences and paragraphs.</li> <li>• Explain cause and effect relationships in the story/text.</li> <li>• What was the tone of the story/text?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare (characters, titles from the same genre, theme, topic, versions of the same story, etc.).</li> <li>• Identify similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic.</li> <li>• Read several texts on the same topic. Write a speech using information from each of source.</li> <li>• Compare the text to: a movie, webpage, video game, piece of art or music, or other media.</li> <li>• How does this selection connect to the theme of _____?</li> <li>• How does this selection connect to (other text we have read, content area, etc.)</li> <li>• How is _____ in paragraphs 1 and 2 like that same idea in paragraphs 3 through 6?</li> <li>• How is _____ shown in paragraphs 7-11?</li> <li>• What mood does the author create?</li> </ul>