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## **Level 1 Questions (L1)**

### **Text-to-Text / Text or Fact-Based Questions**

- Identify and clarify information in the text (ex. plot details, vocabulary, etc.)

### **Questions Stems for Text-to-Text / Text or Fact-Based Questions**

- Who ...?

- What ...?
- When ...?
- Where ...?
- How ...?
- What does the author mean by ...?
- What does the word ... mean?
- What happened before / after ...?

## **Level 2 Questions (L2)**

### **Interpretive Questions**

- Explore the meaning behind the language in the text

#### **Questions Stems for Interpretive Questions**

- Why ...?
- What does ... symbolize in the text?
- Why does the author write ...?
- What is the main idea of ...?
- What evidence can you present for ...?
- What caused ...?
- What effect did ... have on ...?
- Can you predict what will happen after ...?
- What can you infer about ...?

### **Evaluative Questions**

- Develop readers' judgments and opinions about ideas in the text

#### **Questions Stems for Evaluative Questions**

- Do you agree with / that ...?
- What do you think about ...?
- What is your opinion on ...?
- What criteria would you use to decide ...?
- Do you think ... or ... is more important?

## **Level 3 Questions (L3)**

### **Text-to-Self Questions**

- Connect ideas in the text to what is happening in the readers' lives
- Examine experiences from a new perspective

#### **Questions Stems for Text-to-Self Questions**

- This reminds me of ... and makes me wonder ...?
- I wonder how ...?
- Would we act differently / the same if ...?
- In what ways is my life similar / different to ...?
- What can we learn from ...?
- How will this change the way we ...?

### **Text-to-World Questions**

- How the text is significant to the larger society or national and global events / trends

#### **Questions Stems for Text-to-World Questions**

- How is ... significant to ...?
- How have others historically responded to ...?
- What does ... say about society?

- Why is ... important to ...?
- Has society progressed since ...?

## **Hypothetical Questions**

- Explore different paths and possibilities to extend understanding of the text

### **Questions Stems for Hypothetical Questions**

- What if ...?
- What are the advantages / disadvantages of ...?
- What would be different if ...?
- If ..., then would ...?

## **Thematic / Speculative / Open-Ended Questions**

- Identify and clarify information in the text (ex. plot details, vocabulary, etc.)

### **Questions Stems for Thematic / Speculative / Open-Ended Questions**

- Depends on the reader