



Questions for fiction books



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Recall Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where does the story take place?• When did the story take place?• What did s/he/it look like?• Who was s/he/it?• Where did s/he/it live?• Who are the characters in the book?• Where in the book would you find...?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Simple comprehension questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you think is happening here?• What happened in the story?• What might this mean?• Through whose eyes is the story told?• Which part of the story best describes the setting?• What words and/or phrases do this?• What part of the story do you like best?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Application Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you think of another story which has a similar theme; eg. good over evil; weak over strong; wise over foolish?• Do you know of another story which deals with the same issues; eg. social; moral; cultural?• Which other author handles time in this way; eg. flashbacks; dreams?• Which stories have openings like this?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Analytical Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What makes you think that?• What words give you that impression?• How do you feel about...?• Can you explain why ...?• I wonder what the writer intended?• I wonder why the writer decided to...?• What do these words mean and why do you think the author chose them?• Has the author used adjectives to make this character funny?• Why did the author choose this?• setting?	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Questions requiring synthesis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is your opinion? What evidence do you have to support your view?• Using all the evidence available, can you tell me what you feel about...?• Given what you know about ... what do you think?• How would the views put across in this text affect your views on...?• What would this character think about...? (Possibly a present day issue)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Evaluation questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What makes this a successful story?• What opinion do you have to justify your opinion?• Does it work?• Could it be better? How?• Is it as good as...?• How is it similar to...?• How is it different to...?• Is it as good as...?• Which is better and why?

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plot</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long did the story take? • Did the events happen in the order we are told about them in the story? • Why do you think the writer chose to tell us about events in this order? • Are there some parts of the story that happen in a short time but take a long time to describe? • Are there some parts of the story that happen over a long period but are told very quickly? • Can you identify the different complications in this story? • Which event provides the story's climax? • How is the story resolved? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Setting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where did this story take place? • Is the setting really important to the story or could it have happened anywhere? • Was the setting for this story familiar or unfamiliar to you? • Did you get a really clear picture of where this story was set? • Do any words or phrases help you to imagine the place where the story was set? • Do any words or phrases provide an indication of the time when this story is taking place. • Does the setting have any effect on the characters' behaviour? • Compare and contrast different settings in stories 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Point of View</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is telling this story? • How do you know who is telling the story? • Is the story told in the first or third person? • Do you think the story would feel different if told in the first/third person? • Who do you feel closest to in this story? • Can you say why? • Through whose eyes do you think you are seeing this story? • When you were reading, did you feel you were part of the story or did you feel you were an observer? Why? • How do you think another character might view the events in this story?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Character</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which character did you feel closest to in this story? Why? • Which character did you find most interesting? Why? • Did you dislike any of the characters in this story? Why? • Were you reminded of anyone you know by the characters in this story? • Do any words or phrases help to build a picture of this character? • Do you learn about the character from their appearance, what they say or what they do? • Did you learn about the character from the way in which other characters responded to him/her? • Did your opinion of the character change while you were reading? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Subject and Theme</u></p> <p>trials and forfeits, good over evil, weak or strong, wise over foolish, overcoming fear, secrets, social, moral or cultural issues, dilemmas etc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you suggest some words to summarise what this story means to you? • Does this story remind you of any personal experience/something that has happened to you? • Does this story have a message? Do you know of any other stories that have a similar message? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Style</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there anything you particularly liked or disliked about the way in which this story was told? • How did the author try to capture your interest in the first four lines of this story? • Which words or phrases have been used to develop an atmosphere of suspense/mystery? • Are any words or phrases repeated? What effect does this create? • Compare the way in which different authors write dialogue? • Does the author tell you what the character is thinking or do you have to work this out from other clues and hints? • Can you tell from the first paragraph what kind of story we are reading? How?