Reading Questions

Fiction	Non-Fiction
Where does the story take place? When did the story take place? What did the character look like? Where did the character live? Who are the key characters in the book? What happened in the story? Can you retell what happened? Explain something that happened at a specific point in the story? Which character…? How did this … behave? Why? Tell me what the main character did in this part of the story. Read the part of the story that tells the reader about… Show me in the text where you found… What happens in the beginning, middle or end? What does this part of the text tell us about? Identify one word that shows…	What is the text about? What is the title of the text? Who is the author of the text? What kind of things would you expect to see in this book? Can you find examples of different features of this text type? Find something that interests you from the text. Explain why you chose that particular part. Where would you look to find out what … means? What is on the cover of the book? What does this tell you about the content inside? What have you found out about from reading this book? Complete this sentence … using the text. Which part of the text tells us about …? Where can you find important information about…?
If you were going to interview this character/author, which questions would you ask? Which is your favourite part? Why? Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why? What do you think would happen next if the story carried on past the ending of the book? Who was the storyteller? How do you know? Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this? Is this a place you could visit? Why/why not? How is the main character feeling at the start/middle/end of the story? Why do they feel that way? Does this surprise you? What does the character's behaviour / speech tell you about how they feel? Why do you think the character behaved that way? Did any characters help each other in this story? How? What do you think the character feels about…? Why was … upset / angry / pleased/ puzzled / happy? How do you think this story will / should end? What sort of character was? -Is this a good book title? Why? -Can you find an example in the text to show what you think about…?	Which parts of the book could help you find the information you need? When would you use the contents page in the book? When would you use the index page in the book? What sort of person do you think would use this book? When might someone use this book? Why? Can you suggest ideas for other sections or chapters to go into the book? Do you think the author of the book is an 'expert' about the topic of the book? Why/why not?
Were you surprised by the ending? Is it what you expected? Why/why not? What is the main event of the story? Why do you think this? How has the text been organised? Why do you think authors use short sentences?	Can you find an example of a page you think has an interesting layout? Why did you choose it? Why have some of the words been written in *italics*? What are the subheadings for? Why have some of the words been written in bold? How does the layout help the reader

How did you think it would end/should end? Has the author used an unusual layout in the text? Is so, describe it and say why you think they did this? Has the author used a variety of sentence structures? Has the author put certain words in **bold** or *italic?* Why have they done this? What are the main events in this paragraph? How is the poem structured? How does the story open? How does the story end? How do the characters develop? How does the plot develop? What happens in each setting?	What is the purpose of the pictures? Can you find examples of words which tell you the order of something? What kind of a text is this? How do you know? What is the purpose of this caption / diagram / heading etc? Why are … used? Why has the information been presented in this way? Why have bullet points been used? Why did the author choose to…? Why does the author use? What would be a good heading for this paragraph? Where / what will this hyperlink to? How does the text attract the reader's attention? Can you label each part of the text?
Why did the author choose this title? Do you want to read the rest of the text? How does the writer encourage you to read the rest of the text? Can you find some examples of effective description? What makes them effective? Which part of the story best describes the setting? Can you find examples of powerful adjectives? What do they tell you about a character or setting? Can you find examples of powerful adverbs? What do they tell you about a character, their actions or the setting? Can you find examples of powerful verbs? What do they tell you about a character, their actions or the setting? What do these words tell you about …? Find the words that tell us the character is …? What picture is the author trying to create with these words …? What other words / phrases could the author have used? What words / phrases could you use to create the opposite effect? Find an example of a word you don't know the meaning of. Using the text around it, what do you think it means? How does this paragraph try to persuade / upset / create tension…? Why does the author use alliteration / similes?	Why does this book contain technical vocabulary? Find an example of a technical word. What do you think it means based on how it's used in the sentence? Are there any examples of persuasive language? Why do we need a glossary in a text?
Can you think of another story that has a similar theme eg good over evil, weak over strong, wise over foolish? Why did the author choose this setting? What makes this a successful story? What evidence do you have to justify your opinion? How could the story be improved or changed for the better?	Why has the writer written this text? Have you found any of the illustrations, diagrams or pictures useful? Why/why not? Try to explain fully Why did the writer choose to present the information in the way they did? How could the information be presented better? What makes this text successful? Are there any features that it hasn't got? Why do

What was the most exciting part of the story? Explain your answer as fully as you can. What genre is this story? How do you know? What was the least exciting part of the story? Explain your answer as fully as you can. When the author writes in short sentences, what does this tell you? Why did the author choose this setting for the story?	you think it doesn't have them? Can you think of another text that is similar to this one? What are the similarities and differences between them? How does reading ….help you understand ….?
Do you know another story, which deals with the same issues eg social, cultural, moral issues? Have you ever been in a similar situation to a character in the book? What happened? How would you have felt in the same situation? What would you have done differently to the character in a particular situation from the book? How would you feel if you were treated in the same way as the main character? What did the story make you think of? Have you read any other stories that have similar characters to this one? If so, which story was it and what happened? Do you think this book is trying to give the reader a message? If so, what is it? What other stories / texts does it remind you of? What kind of text is this? How do you know? What is the same / different about these two texts? When do you think the story was written? Why? When is this story set? How do you know? Does the setting remind you of a setting you know from another story? How is author's version of the same story different to / same as this author?	