

Questions to ask of any text...

Experiential: where we relate what is in the text with something that has happened to me or someone I know

- Is there anything you have just read that reminds you of something that has happened to you or someone you know?
- Have you ever...?
- Have you ever seen...?
- Which character are you most...?

Intertextual: where we relate what is in the text to another text

- Where else have you seen...?
- Does this remind you of any...?
- Is this typical of...?

Intratextual: where we relate one part of the text to another part

- Are there any other examples of...?
- Is there are pattern?
- What's changed in...?
- Were there any clues to...?

Interrogative: where we ask questions of the text

- Is there anything we are puzzled by or don't understand?
- What would you ask the...?
- What don't we know about...?

Semantic: where we make comments about what something in the text means

- What might that mean?
- What does that imply / suggest about...?
- Can we be sure what...?

Structural: where we make a comment about how a part or whole of the piece has been put together

- Is there a shape to...?
- What do we...first / last?
- How has the writer built...?

Speculative: where we make speculations about what might happen / what could have happened

- What could...?
- What might have...?
- Any theories about...?

Reflective: where we make interpretive statements

- What's your impression of...?
- What will...?
- What do you suppose...?

Evaluative: where we make value judgements about the text

- When does the writer show most clearly...?
- What is the most effective...?
- How well does...?