



Effective Questioning

Strong readers ask themselves questions as they are reading. Use the questions below to model self-questioning strategies for students, so over time they become more engaged and active readers.



BEFORE READING

To Help Students:	Ask:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Text Type 	Is this fiction or non-fiction? What do I already know about this type of text?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a Purpose for Reading 	Why am I reading this? What do I hope to get out of the text?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activate Prior Knowledge 	What is this about? What do I already know about this topic? How should I go about reading this? Is it a quick, easy read or do I need to read slowly and make sure I am understanding what it's about.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Text-based Predictions 	Based on the title, headers or key words, what do I think this is going to be about?



DURING READING

To Help Students:	Ask:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-monitor 	Does this make sense? Can I visualize what is happening? What is the author trying to say here? What does this word/sentence/paragraph mean? Can I put this into my own words? Based on what I have read so far, what do I think is going to happen next?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build Vocabulary 	Are there words I don't understand? Do I recognize any parts of the word that might help? Which words are really interesting? What words, phrases, or statements did the author use that caught my attention?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize and Make Connections 	So what is the mainly about so far? How does what I just read connect to information I read earlier? What does this make me wonder about?



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AFTER READING

To Help Students:	Ask:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate 	<p>What was the author's main point or reason for writing this? Now that I'm done reading, how does what I learned fit into what I already knew? Did any of my pre-reading or during reading predictions change or have to be revised as I read?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend 	<p>What generalizations can I make based on what I read in this text? Does this reading connect with anything else I've read? Based on what you read, what position/bias/attitude do you think the author has about this subject? If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask?</p>