

I can suggest what the writer's purpose and viewpoint is

Can you think of other books you have read which are like this one? How are they alike?

Why has the author chosen this setting?

How does the author try to influence what you think of this character?

Why does the author want to make you feel this way?

What is the purpose of this paragraph? (e.g to move things on)

What question would you like to ask the author of this book?

What can you tell about what the author thinks?

Does the article/story try to get you to care about anything or anyone?

Who is this writing for?

What is it trying to persuade the reader to do?

I can talk about how the writing is related to social, historical or cultural tradition

Why do you think this story was written?

Do you know any other stories like this?

What does this story make you think about?

What do you think the message of this story is?

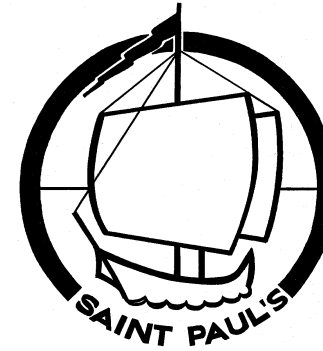
When and where is this story set?

How is the hero/heroine similar to others you have read about?

Does the story remind you of anything that has ever happened to you?

What is different in the story to how things are now?

Does the story have any familiar patterns? E.g. structure, imagery etc.



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Questions to use when reading with your child

The questions reflect the way books are discussed in school and will help your child gain a deeper understanding of the texts they share with you.

I can understand, describe, select or retrieve information or ideas from the text I am reading

Where does the story take place?
When does the story take place?
What is the setting like?
Who are the main characters?
What does he/she look like?
What has happened in the story so far?
What happened after...?
Can you tell me why ... happened?
How do you know ...?
Can you find the part where.....?
Can you describe to me what happened when...?
What is this part of the text telling us about?

I can discuss the structure and organisation of the text

How do headings help you?
What can you say about the layout of this?
What do you think about the title?
Can you suggest a better title?
Why is this font used here but not there?
How do pictures help here?
Why does the writer repeat some things?
Why has the writer started a new paragraph?
Where are the key points in this writing?
How does the writer make the key points stand out?
Which words tell you which order to follow?
Tell me how this piece of writing is good
If you were the writer, what would you change and how?

I can deduce, infer and understand information from a text I am reading

What does the word ... make you think?
If you were going to interview the main character, what questions would you ask?
What do you think will happen because of this?
Who is telling the story?
How do you know how ... is feeling just now?
Why does he / she feel like this?
What would YOU do next?
How have the characters changed ?
What do you think will happen next? Why?
Can you find a sentence or word which tells you how a character is feeling?
Why did ... behave in this way?
If ... felt differently, what might happen?

I can explain and comment on the writers use of language - including grammar features

What does that word mean?
What style is this written in?
Which words has the author used to make the writing sound formal/informal?
Why has the author used ... (italics, bold, capitals, bullet points, captions etc)
What words has the author used to make this writing... (funny/sad/dramatic/angry)?
What other word could you use here?
If you changed that word, how would it affect what the reader thinks?
Can you find any similies or metaphors? Why are they used?
Find a powerful verb or adjective. Why is it powerful?
How does the writer make you feel... (happy, scared, etc)?