

● Ask Questions

- Form questions about **plot**, and attempt to understand how and why one event leads into another.
- Create questions in regards to **characters**. Try to understand what motivates characters. Think about what led characters to become who they are.
- Ask questions about **theme**. Try and understand what the author is attempting to teach his readers.
- Form questions about an author's **tone**, **style**, and **word choice**. Determine what sort of mood the author is setting and decide how this applies to the other elements of the story.
- Ask yourself questions as you read. Does everything make sense? Are you focused? Are you enjoying yourself?

● Make Predictions

- Predict what will happen next in the plot
- Think about how characters and events may change
- Notice the sequence of cause and effect

● Construct Opinions

- Form opinions on the book as a whole
- Make judgments about the characters and their actions
- Decide if you enjoyed the author's writing and style
- Determine if the book was satisfying, entertaining, or informative
- Finally, conclude if the author was successful in reaching their original goal(s)

● Find Connections

- Initiate background knowledge in regards to subject matter
- Associate the experiences of characters to your own
- Compare and contrast with your own life

● Formulate Visualizations

- Envision places, characters, objects, and ideas
- Allow plot to unfold in your consciousness

● Recognize Confusion

- Do not skip over unknown words. Instead, find their meanings through contextual clues or use a dictionary
- If sections of a text are confusing, use online summaries or cliff notes - *it's not cheating to get clarification*
- When necessary, ask for help

● Locate the Main Idea

- Differentiate between main idea and supporting details
- Ruminates over the author's intended message

● Identify Elements of Fiction

- Analyze a story and break it up into parts
- Be familiar with **characterization, conflict, plot, setting, theme, and point of view**

● Define Purpose for Reading

- The most important reasons for reading are learning, self-improvement, and entertainment

● Observe Text Organization

- Find the organization of words including roots, prefixes and suffixes
- Observe the way sentences and phrases are organized
- Analyze the way paragraphs are structured
- Locate titles and chapters
- Notice the beginning, middle and end of a text