

# Close Reading Questioning on Three Levels

	Concrete, Foundational, and Factual Questions	Questions that Integrate Language, Thinking, and Text	Abstract and Complex Questions for Critical Analysis
<b>Text Level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the title of this reading?</li> <li>• Look at the headings and subheadings: What do you infer/predict about the reading based on those text features?</li> <li>• Look at the illustration on page _____. What details stand out in the illustration?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main purpose of this author?</li> <li>• What evidence is there that shows ____?</li> <li>• Why did the illustrator choose to offer details on ____? How are those details also depicted in the text?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the theme of this story? What message is the author trying to give the reader? How can you tell?</li> <li>• What is a central idea or underlying message of the text? How can you justify your answer?</li> <li>• How does this story compare to another story we have read?</li> </ul>
<b>Sentence Level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which sentence introduces the topic?</li> <li>• Which sentence identifies ____?</li> <li>• Which sentence describes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which phrase or sentence helps the reader understand what the author means by saying ____?</li> <li>• Can you find examples of where the author ____?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The text begins with _____.</li> <li>• Why do you think the author chose to begin the text with this statement/question?</li> <li>• The text ends with _____.</li> <li>• Why do you think the author chose to end the text with this statement/question?</li> </ul>
<b>Word Level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the first important word in this text?</li> <li>• What words does the author repeat?</li> <li>• What does the word ____ mean in this text?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What words does the author use to convince the reader about ____?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What words stand out as carrying the most important piece of information?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose the word ____ to describe ____?</li> </ul>