Reading Prompt Questions Mat UKS2

Would you have chosen to read this book/play/poem yourself? Why?

What genre of books does this belong to?

How does the front cover show that this book is one in a series?

What type of book is this? Is it like any others you have read?

When might someone choose to use this book?

How is the story/ information organised?

Why are you reading the text? Does it inform/ excite/engage you? Why do you think this book is regarded as a 'classic'?

Where/when is the story/poem set?

Do you prefer texts set in historical times or modern times? Why?

Who do you think the book is aimed at?

What made you choose this book?

What is the theme of the book?

Which words or phrases particularly stand out in your mind?

Why does the author consistently use the first person in this diary?



How does the author use simile/ metaphor/anology?

What can you say about the viewpoint of the author?

Can you describe the characters in the play using one word?

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Find an unfamiliar technical word. What do you think it means? Does the structure of the book help you to understand the subject? What questions would you ask the author about the text?

Can you create a quiz about the text for the rest of the class?

Is there a section of the text that you don't understand?

What do you think is going to happen to the main character?

Who would you like to meet in the story? Give reasons for your choice.

Can you make a list of details about what you can see on the front cover?

Who is on the cover? Where are they? What is in the background?

Can you list words and phrases which show how the speaker is feeling? Find a descriptive phrase, can you consider the effect on the reader?

Do the events happen in time order? If not, why not?

How is the information organised and presented?





Why do you think this order/these headings were chosen?



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How does the title engage the reader?

What impression does the author want the reader to have of the characters?

How does the author feel about the subject/theme of the story?

Is the aim of the text to persuade or inform? How do you know?

Which words does the author use to signal that this is opinion, not fact? What specific information do you need to retrieve from this text?

How could you use the contents/index/ glossary to help you? Can you choose a section of the text that you particularly liked?

Can you research this topic/theme independently?

How could you present your research findings to the group?

What sort of presentation techniques keep your audience engaged?

Why might someone else's view differ from your own?

