

QAR Question Prompts

"In the Book" Questions

Right There

These are basic recall questions. The answer is in one place and often the words from the question and the answer are in the same sentence. For example:

Where does this person live?

What does this person do for a living?

When does this story take place?

Think and Search

These answers can be found in the text, but involve higher level thinking like comparing/contrasting, drawing inferences, describing the mood, setting, or symbolism. For example:

What are the important ideas in this text?

What are the character traits that you see in the main character?

What does this person look like?

What kinds of challenges did the person face?

What are the persons' major accomplishments?

How can you prove that this person is (brave, loyal, kind, etc.)?

Based on the text, what conclusion can you draw about...?

What clues in the text help us understand the word...?

What does this article mostly describe...?

"In Your Head" Questions

Author and Me

The answer is not in the text. Students must think about what they learned from the text and what they know to generate an answer. For example:

Why did the author...?

What was the most surprising part of the book or article?

If you could interview the author, a character, historical figure, or person of interest what would you ask?

If you could add to, take away, or change a part of the book or article what would you change and why?

What questions do you still have about this topic?

Why should/shouldn't people (use something from the article - exercise every day, bite their fingernails, etc.)?

On My Own

The answer is not in the text. Students must rely solely on their own interpretation experience to answer the question. For example:

Have you ever...(done something brave, competed in sports, climbed a mountain, etc.)? What was it?

When have you (felt proud, rode your bike for the first time, felt ashamed, etc.)?

What do you think it would be like to...(climb a mountain, fly a plane, compete in the Olympics)?

What do you think about...(kids having a hobby that could be possible dangerous, etc.)?