

Where and when does the story take place?

Retrieval

Can you describe the character?

Retrieval

Who are the main characters in the book?

Retrieval

Can you explain the key events that occurred in the story?

Retrieval

Choose the best word/group of words that explain/mean...

Retrieval

Find and copy a word/phrase/sentence which shows...

Retrieval

What kinds of people are in the story?

Retrieval

Where can you find an important piece of information about...?

Retrieval

Predict what you think is going to happen next. Why do you think this?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

What do you think would happen next if the story carried on past the ending in the book?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

How is the main character feeling at the start/middle/end of the story?

Why do they feel that way?

Does this surprise you?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

Tell me about what sort of character he/she is from the things they did/said.

Infer/Deduce/interpret

Who would you like to meet most from the story? If you were going to interview one of the characters, which questions would you ask and why?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

Is this a place you could visit? Why/why not?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

If.... Had not done...., how might this have changed other events in the story/play?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

Why do you think the main character did this...?

Infer/Deduce/interpret

Has the author used an unusual layout in the text?
If so, describe it and say why you think they did this?

Structure and organisation

Has the author used a variety of sentence structures? What effect does this have?

Structure and organisation

What is the main event of the story?
Why do you think this?

Structure and organisation

Has the author put certain words in bold or italic? Why have they done this?

Structure and organisation

How has the text been organised? Has the author used a range of punctuation? What effect does each create?

Structure and organisation

What is/are the main event(s) that happen(s) in this/each paragraph?

Structure and organisation

Why does the author begin a new paragraph here?
Why do you think the author connect these paragraphs?

Structure and organisation

How does the author organise the writing?

Structure and organisation

Can you find examples of adjectives, verbs, speech etc? What do they tell you about a character or setting?

Writers use of language

Do you want to read the rest of the text? How does the writer encourage you to read the rest of the text?

Writers use of language

Can you find some examples of effective description? What makes them effective?

Writers use of language

Which part of the story best describes the setting or 'this' character?

Writers use of language

Why has the author included this punctuation here? Example ellipses, exclamation mark etc.

Writers use of language

Find and copy some words or phrases that show us that this character is special/helpful/adventurous /unsure/ worried etc.?

Writers use of language

Why do you think the writer chose to use the word(s)/phrase(s)... to describe...?

Writers use of language

Find an example of a word you don't know the meaning of. Using the text around it, what do you think it means?

Writers use of language

Why did the author choose this setting or choose to include 'this' type of character?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

Can you think of another story that has a similar theme e.g. good over evil, weak over strong, wise over foolish?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

What makes this a successful story? What evidence do you have to justify your opinion?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

What have you learnt from this story? What moral has the author included?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

What was the most/least exciting part of the story? Explain your answer as fully as you can. How could the story be improved?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

What genre is this story? How do you know?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

How did the story make you feel? Why did it make you feel like this?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

When the author writes in... (e.g. short sentences), what does this tell you?

writers' purposes, viewpoints and effect

(quote) What is meant by (reference to history, culture etc..)

Social, cultural and historical links

Have you ever been in a similar situation to a character in the book?

What happened?

Social, cultural and historical links

How would you have felt in the same situation?

Social, cultural and historical links

What would you have done differently to the character in a particular situation from the book?

Social, cultural and historical links

Do you know another story, which deals with the same issues e.g. social, cultural, moral issues?

Social, cultural and historical links

What did the story make you think of?

Social, cultural and historical links

Have you read any other stories that have similar characters to this one? If so, which story was it and what happened?

Social, cultural and historical links

Do you think this book is trying to give the reader a message? If so, what is it?

Social, cultural and historical links