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Reading Prompt Questions Mat LKS2

What happened in the story?

Where does the story take place?

Who is telling the story?

Why is the text arranged in the way it is?

Does the layout and colour of the text have an impact on the reader?

How are the beginning and end similar? Is order of events important?

Where and when is this story/text set? How does the writer show this?

What effect does the setting have on the story?

What is the genre of the story? How do you know?

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Have you read any other books in this series/by the same author?

Whose 'voice' is the poem written in?

What does this poem make you feel?

What did you enjoy about the story?

What was the most exciting/interesting part? Can you explain why?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

Can you identify words in the text which help the author create effect?

Does the poem tell a story?



Does the poem follow the pattern of natural speech?

Reading Prompt Questions Mat LKS2

If you could ask a character a question, what would you ask?

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

Why do you think authors use short sentences?

Choose a character and say what they felt/thought/did in response to events.

How did the character's actions affect the outcome of the story?

Can you create a timeline of events?

How are the beginning and end similar?

What do you think might happen next in the story?

What is the text about? What title could you give this text?

What type of text is it?

Who would you recommend this book to?

What are the arguments for or against the subject of this text/story?



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?

Reading Prompt Questions Mat UKS2

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?



Reading Prompt Questions Mat UKS2

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?

