

Reading Strategies

Questions to ask:

Before Reading

- "Why did you select this book to read?"
- "Based on the cover and the title, what do you think this book is going to be about?" (the response should be detailed)
- "What are you curious to find out about the topic being discussed in the book? What do you want to learn?"

During Reading

- "What is this story about?"
- "What does the main character want?"
- "Will they get it? If so, how?"
- "What is the meaning of what I have read?"
- "Why do you think the author ended the chapter in this way? What does that make you think about what's going to happen next?"
- "What do you understand from what you just read? How do you know?" (must cite evidence from the text)
- "What is the main idea so far?"
- "What picture is the author painting in your head?" (cite evidence)
- "What connections can I make to the text? How do I feel about it?"
- "Why do you think the author chose this particular setting?"

After Reading

- "Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from the (name the character) point of view?"
- "What was the author's purpose in writing this?"
- "What message or lesson do you think the author wants the reader to take away from the text?"
- "Which of your predictions were right? What information from the text tells you that you are correct?"
- "If you could ask the author a question, what would it be and why?"