

## 20 Questions for Self-Guided Response to Texts

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1. Why did you decide to read this text?
2. Compare and contrast this text or media with related text/media.
3. What is the author's purpose?
4. What can you tell me about the theme?
5. What is the author's position on relevant themes or issues?
6. Who is the audience for this text?
7. What is the overall tone of the work?
8. From what point of view does the author write?
9. What are the most relevant supporting details?
10. How is the book structured?
11. How would you describe the author's writing style?
12. Does the author have credibility to write about this topic? How do you know?
13. How is the plot, argument, or information organized?
14. What would you change?
15. Index the characters: tell who they are and how they change over time.
16. With which characters did you connect and why?
17. What are the motivations of the main characters?
18. Which chapter or section is most important and why?
19. Using evidence from the text, how would you convince someone else to read this?
20. For more than one text: How are these texts connected to each other and what makes those connections important?