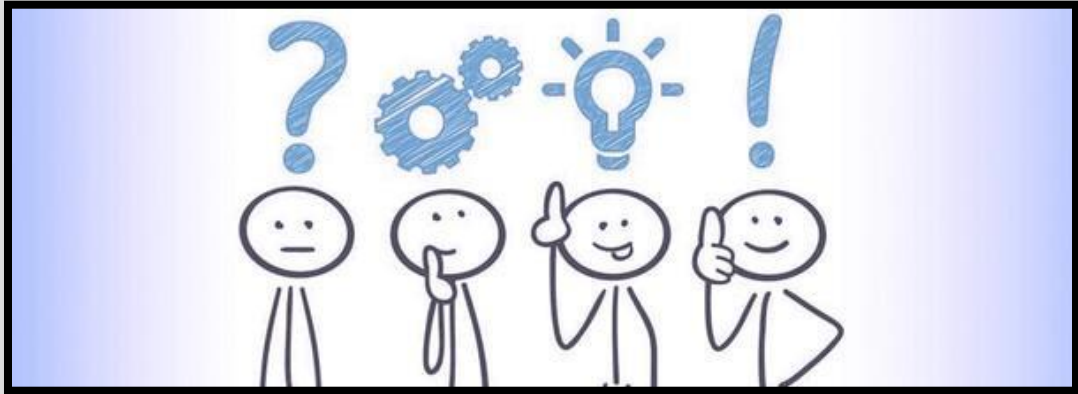


Questions to Ask Before, During, and After Reading Nonfiction



Before Reading

Question	Strategic Action
If beginning a new book:	
What do you think this book will be about? Why do you think that?	Predicting
What do you know about (topic of book)?	Synthesizing
If continuing a book:	
What have you learned so far?	Summarizing

During Reading

Question	Strategic Action
Look at the heading of the section. What do you think you will read about in this section?	Predicting
How did the author show _____?	Inferring
Why do you think _____?	
What is the cause of _____?	
What is the effect of _____?	
How does the author help you learn about _____?	Critiquing
Why do you think the author included this information?	
Look at the photograph on page _____. What did you learn?	
What are the most important details to remember about _____?	
Do you agree or disagree with _____? Why or why not?	
Why are _____ important to us?	Synthesizing
Explain _____ in your own words.	
Why are _____ important to us?	
Why did the author use the word _____?	
Why do you think the book was called _____?	Analyzing
Discuss how the author organized information in the book.	
What text features did you notice in the book? How did they help you understand the book?	Summarizing
Can you put what you've just read in your own words?	

After Reading

Question/Activity	Strategic Action
Can you think of another book that is similar to this one?	Making Connections
What did you like/dislike about this book?	Critiquing
What did you think about (book, information, photographs)? Why?	
How does the author use the photographs to give you more information about the topic?	
What did the author do to make this topic/book interesting, funny, or exciting to read about? Why?	
Was the title of the text a good one? Explain.	
What kind of book (genre) is this?	
What descriptive language did the author use? How did it add to your understanding of the text?	
What are the major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information?	
How is the text organized?	
What did you learn about _____ after reading this book? Show where you found this information.	Synthesizing
What new information has been added to what you already knew about the topic?	
After reading, has the new information changed your thinking about the topic?	
What new information did you learn about _____?	Summarizing
What is the main idea of the _____ (book, section, paragraph)?	

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